

participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendments and make them immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendments.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Mr. Robert A. Capra: petitioner's name and telephone number, date petition was mailed, plant name, and publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and to Michael I. Miller, Esquire, Sidley and Austin, One First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60603, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated April 10, 1995, which is available for public inspection

at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Dixon Public Library, 221 Hennepin Avenue, Dixon, Illinois.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of April 1995.

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[Docket Nos. 70-7001; 70-7002]

United States Enrichment Corporation: Paducah Gaseous Plant; Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant; Notice of Receipt of Application for Certification for the Gaseous Diffusion Plants and Notice of Comment Period and Notice of Public Meetings

I. Receipt of Application and Availability of Documents

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has received by letter dated April 18, 1995, an application from the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) for the initial certification of the gaseous diffusion plants (GDPs) located near Paducah, Kentucky and Piketon, Ohio. The Energy Policy Act of 1992 established the USEC to operate the GDPs under lease from the U.S. Department of Energy and required the NRC to establish a certification process and standards for the GDPs to assure protection of public and workers' health and safety and adequate safeguards and security.

Copies of the application for certification (except for classified and proprietary portions withheld in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, "Availability of Public Records") are available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Document Room in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555 and in the Local Public Document Rooms established for these facilities. A copy of the application for the Paducah plant is available at the Paducah Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42003. A copy of the application for the Portsmouth plant is available at the Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. Copies of related correspondence and staff evaluations (except for portions withheld in

accordance with 10 CFR 2.790) will also be made available at these locations.

II. Notice of Comment Period

Any interested party may submit written comments on the application for certification for either the Paducah plant or the Portsmouth plant for consideration by the staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the application must be received by June 15, 1995. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the application should be mailed to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555 or hand delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm Federal workdays. Comments should be legible and reproducible, and include the name, affiliation (if any), and address of the commenter. All comments received by the Commission will be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room located in Washington, DC and the Local Public Documents Rooms located in Paducah, Kentucky and Portsmouth, Ohio. In accordance with 10 CFR 76.62 and 76.64, a member of the public must submit written comments or provide oral comments at the public meeting described below to petition the Commission requesting review of the Director's decision on certification.

III. Notice of Public Meeting

The NRC will hold two meetings concerning the applications for certification for the Portsmouth and Paducah gaseous diffusion plants. These meetings are being held to solicit public input on the initial certification of these facilities. The meeting on the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant will be held at the *Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center*, 200 McCracken Boulevard in Paducah, Kentucky on May 23, 1995, 7 pm. The meeting on the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant will be held at the *Vern Riffe Joint Vocational School*, 23365 State Rt. 124 in Piketon, Ohio on May 24, 1995, 7 pm.

In order to allow a maximum number of speakers, statements by the public will be limited to 5 minutes per individual. Those interested in speaking at the meetings may register in advance or may register at the meeting. Any person interested in registering in advance may do so by sending a written request to Ms. Rocio Castaneira, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,