

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Bart Stupak
Chairman, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed herewith is the Department's initial production of documents responsive to the Committee's August 1, 2007 letter requesting responses to questions and documents relating to "a \$9.5 billion sole source contract proposal [submitted by Energy Solutions and the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC)] to the Department of Energy (DOE) for the decontamination and decommissioning (D&D) of DOE's Portsmouth, Ohio, and Paducah, Kentucky, uranium enrichment plants" that Energy Solutions and USEC informed the Committee about.

Many of the documents being provided to the Committee today contain information that is exempt from public disclosure because the information is subject to the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product privilege, is information that is considered business sensitive to the Department, or is subject to other legal privileges. Some documents may also contain export-controlled information. By this production, the Department does not waive any applicable protections or privileges, and respectfully requests the Committee to maintain the confidentiality of the documents being provided to the Committee today and consult the Department before releasing or disclosing any of the documents.

Additionally, many of the documents being provided to the Committee today contain information that has been marked as proprietary by USEC or Energy Solutions. Accordingly the Department respectfully suggests that the Committee may wish to consult USEC and Energy Solutions before releasing or disclosing any of the documents.

The Department is continuing to collect and review documents, as well as prepare written responses to the questions contained in the Committee's August 1 letter, and will provide such additional documents, and written responses, to the Committee as promptly as circumstances permit.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Eric G. Nicoll, Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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