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Mr. David Allen
U.S. Department of Energy, SE-30-1
P.O. Box 2001
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Re: Programmatic Environmental Assessment PGD / Storage of 14,200 metric tons of excess uranium from the Fernald Weapons Plant in Cincinnati and the Hanford plant in Washington State

Dear Mr. Allen:

The Scioto County Economic Development Office and the Scioto County Commissioners, along with U.S. Congressman Ted Strickland, are opposed to the siting of the 14,200 metric tons of re-usable excess uranium from other DOE sites that are proposed to be stored at DOE's Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Even though we are a rural / small city community, our region is densely populated. We believe there are other DOE sites that are much larger than our 3,700 acre site where these materials can be stored and marketed over time. We also believe the storage of these materials over a 20+ year time frame will have a negative effect on our current marketing efforts of the site for re-use and on the marketing of industrial sites for new business development in South Central Ohio.

Another major concern has been the downgrading of security forces in both manpower and armaments of PGD's security forces over the last several years.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Carter
Executive Director