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REGARDING:

(a) Ltr. 10-19-95, Disposition of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium EIS (HEU EIS)

COMMENT: EIS (HEU EIS) Regardless of the alternatives for disposition, storage will be required. In view of the Environmental opposition to locations, I wonder: Has former U. S. Army above ground storage areas been considered? Former Army Depot, Igloo S.D. had 801 above ground, isolated storage igloos with few people and large buffer zones.

(b) Fact Sheet, 10-17-95, Reading Room Locations. Storage and Disposition of Weapons-Usable Fissle Materials Programmatic EIS (PEIS) 1/01.04.00

COMMENT: EIS (PEIS) Same as above.---Has former U.S. Army above ground storage areas been considered?

(c) Newsletter, Fall 1995, Vol 1, Management of Nuclear Weapons Materials, Management and Disposition of Excess Weapons Plutonium (a report) 2/15.00.00

COMMENT: Newsletter (Excess Plutonium) Madison Indiana has a large electric power plant (Indiana Kentucky Electric (IKE) that is producing power for Plutonium manufacture at Portsmouth Ohio. Would you comment on the future need for the electric energy?

Sincerely,

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01 04 00 **Comment Number 1**

The Manzano Mountain Site was considered in the Final PEIS for pit storage and Appendix P was added. Other non-DOE sites (for example, aboveground military sites) were considered in the Screening Report and were eliminated because of cost effectivenesss, ES&H, and public/institutional acceptance concerns, with no overriding advantages compared to existing DOE sites already safeguarding nuclear materials.

15 00 00 **Comment Number 2**

This comment is beyond the scope of the PEIS. Planning for use of the electric energy is the responsibility of the generating utility company.