

March 16, 2000

Mr. Suneel Kapur  
Office of Strategic Planning and Program Evaluation  
U.S. Department of Energy  
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Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Kapur:

As requested in Morley Winograd's February 11, 2000 memorandum, we have the following comments on Secretary Richardson's Performance Agreement with the President for the Department of Energy.

National Security

The report should be updated to reflect the new NNSA organization.

NS5-2 in the performance target associated with MPC&A upgrades does not reflect significant NRC involvement. Suggest a re-write to say ["... and support, in cooperation with NRC, enhancements to regulatory programs for MPC&A in Russia and other NIS."] Page 15

Environmental Quality

This section should include DOE's legislative mandate to develop a repository for greater than Class C radioactive waste (GTCC).

EQ2-4 in the last bullet mentions commitments to the Ohio EPA, among others, to ensure safety of DOE's depleted UF<sub>6</sub>. The State of Kentucky should also be mentioned since the single highest inventory of depleted UF<sub>6</sub> is stored at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. Page 18

EQ5-1 concerning Yucca Mountain does not discuss performance targets for resolving the nine NRC Key Technical Issues which is desirable before a license application is submitted for NRC review. Page 19

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Agreement.

Sincerely,  
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and Safeguards

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FINAL REPLY:

Morley Winograd  
Office of the Vice President  
The White House

*closed 3/16/00  
attached memo  
to S. Kapur DOE*

TO: Chairman, et al.

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DESC: REVIEW OF SECRETARY RICHARDSON'S PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR THE DOE

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ASSIGNED TO: NMSS CONTACT: Kane

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

For Appropriate Action.

<p><u>PMDA + All Action</u></p> <p>Due to NMSS Director's Office</p> <p>By <u>rec'd 2/28/00</u></p>
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PMDA (Charlie Cox) will have lead. All divisions - please provide your comments or negative response to Charlie by no later than 3/13/00. Charlie will consolidate input & review with Marty the proper response. Action due to EDO 3/16/00.

