Resolution

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SCIOTO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Tom Reiser
Vern Riffe, III
Opal M. Spears

Clerk
INEZ BLOOMFIELD

Adopted JUNE 13, 2002

Subject IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STORAGE OF FERNALD AND HANFORD EXCESS URANIUM AT THE PORTSMOUTH GASEOUS DIFFUSION PLANT.

It was moved by Mr. Riffe and seconded by Ms. Spears that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Scioto County Board of Commissioners have supported the U.S. Department of Energy's Uranium Enrichment Operation at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP) in Piketon, Ohio for the past half-century; and

WHEREAS, the Scioto County Board of Commissioners have been supportive of local, regional, and State of Ohio efforts to encourage DOE and the U.S. Enrichment Corporation to bring new enrichment technologies to the PGDP, to continue environmental remediation efforts, to maintain the PGDP for possible future production, and to support decommissioning and decontamination work, for the national and economic security of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the PGDP's mission and employees have been an integral part in the success of our nation's cold war victory over the former Soviet Union of Socialistic Republics; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Scioto County Commissioners have been appreciative of the cooperative relationship among local governments and the DOE, in DOE's support and leadership in economic development diversification initiatives in Scioto, Pike, Jackson, and Ross counties; and

WHEREAS, the DOE is currently seeking public input into a Programmatic Environmental Assessment at the PGDP to store 14,200 metric tons of low level excess uranium from the Fernald Weapons Plant in Cincinnati, Ohio and the Hanford Plant in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Scioto County Board of Commissioners believe the storage of this excess uranium and the marketing of these materials over a 20+ year time frame will have a negative effect on our current and future marketing of the PGDP and GCEP sites for re-use and on the marketing of industrial sites for new business development in south central Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Scioto County Board of Commissioners also have a matter of concern over the downgrading of security forces at the PGDP in recent years;

CERTIFICATION

I, Inez Bloomfield, the duly appointed and acting Clerk of the Bo of County Commissioners, Scioto County, Ohio, do hereby certify t the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted on June 13, 2002, Journal 75, and Page 47.

By: Inez Bloomfield
Inez Bloomfield, Clerk