

Green Paper

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HCR 4 - Piketon Uranium

Sponsored by Representative Cliff Rosenberger

OEC's Summary:

To urge the President of the United States to direct the United States Department of Energy to ensure the continuation of the uranium enrichment work being developed by USEC, Inc., at its Piketon, Ohio plant by granting USEC's application for a federal loan guarantee and to direct the Secretary of Energy to strongly consider providing federal funding assistance for the Clean Energy Park Demonstration Project.

OEC's Perspective:

OPPOSE



Serious questions exist about the financial risks surrounding this project. According to its third quarter 2010 report, USEC Inc. has put approximately \$1.8 billion into the partially completed ACP. Even with \$2 billion from the DOE and \$100 million each from Babcock & Wilcox and Toshiba, USEC would still be at least \$600 million short of the report's projected cost of \$4.6 billion (which we believe is significantly low). USEC stock is now junk-rated—in spite of the fact that they have gotten enormous taxpayer subsidies, including their Piketon site lease and enriched uranium from the former Soviet Union's weapons program. Where will this money come from?

Recommendation

The OEC respectfully opposes HCR 4.

Bill Ratings



This legislation will help resolve a serious problem that threatens Ohio's environment and demonstrates significant leadership for Ohio's future.



This legislation will cause substantial harm to Ohio's environment and demonstrates serious disregard for Ohio's future.



This legislation will benefit Ohio's environment or shows foresight in setting future environmental policy.



This legislation will harm Ohio's environment or sets the state on the wrong path for future environmental policy.



This legislation will somewhat - or on balance - benefit Ohio's environment.



This legislation will somewhat - or on balance - harm Ohio's environment.