

Registration No. 333-_____

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

USEC Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

52-2107911
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2 DEMOCRACY CENTER
6903 ROCKLEDGE DRIVE
BETHESDA, MARYLAND
(Address of principal executive offices)

20817
(Zip Code)

USEC Inc. 1999 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN
USEC Inc. 1999 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN
(Full title of the Plans)

HENRY Z SHELTON, JR.
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
USEC Inc.

2 DEMOCRACY CENTER
6903 ROCKLEDGE DRIVE
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20817
(Name and address of agent for service)

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(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share(2)	Aggregate Offering Price(2)	Proposed Maximum Amount of Registration Fee
Common stock, \$.10 par value	11,500,000 shares	\$14.75	\$169,625,000	\$47,156

(1) We are registering 9,000,000 shares pursuant to the USEC Inc. 1999 Equity Incentive Plan and 2,500,000 shares pursuant to the USEC Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. This registration statement shall also cover any additional shares of common stock which become issuable under the USEC Inc. 1999 Equity Incentive Plan and the USEC Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without receipt by USEC Inc. ("USEC") of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the outstanding shares of USEC's common stock.

(2) Pursuant to Rule 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the proposed maximum offering price and registration fee are based on the high and low selling prices per share of USEC's common stock on January 29, 1999, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange Composite Tape.

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PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information specified by Item 1 and Item 2 of Part I of Form S-8 is omitted from this filing in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the introductory note to Part 1 of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I will be delivered to the participants in the plans covered by this registration statement as required by Rule 428(b).

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this registration statement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), until such time as this registration statement is no longer in effect.

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998;
- (b) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended September 30, 1998 and December 31, 1998; and
- (c) The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement No. 333-57955 on Form S-1 filed with the SEC on June 29, 1998 and incorporated by reference in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A dated July 8, 1998 (File No. 001-14287).

You may request a copy of any filings referred to above (excluding exhibits), at no cost, by contacting us at the following address:

Investor Relations
USEC Inc.
2 Democracy Center
6903 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, Maryland 20817
Telephone: (301) 564-3200

Item 4. Description of Securities

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") empowers a Delaware corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party to or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided that such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful.

A Delaware corporation may indemnify directors, officers, employees and other agents of such corporation in an action by or in the right of the corporation under the same conditions, except that no indemnification shall be made if such person is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in this Item 6 or in defense of any claim, issue or matter herein, the corporation must indemnify such person against the expenses (including attorney's fees) which he or she actually and reasonably incurred in connection therewith.

Both our By-Laws and the Certificate of Incorporation require us to indemnify each of our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by law, subject to certain exceptions, in connection with any actual or threatened action or proceeding arising out of his or her service to us or to other organizations at our request.

As permitted by Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, our Certificate of Incorporation also contains a provision eliminating the personal liability of a director to USEC or our shareholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, subject to certain exceptions.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed

Not Applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits

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24.1	Power of Attorney (included on the signature page)

Item 9. Undertakings

A. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement;

provided, however, that clauses (1)(i) and (1)(ii) shall not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in periodic reports filed by USEC pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference into this registration statement;

(2) that for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof; and

(3) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the USEC Inc. 1999 Equity Incentive Plan and/or the USEC Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

B. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of USEC's

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annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference into this registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or controlling persons of USEC pursuant to the indemnification provisions summarized in Item 6 or otherwise, USEC has been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by USEC of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of USEC in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, USEC will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Bethesda, Maryland on the 2nd day of February, 1999.

USEC INC.

By: /s/ William H. Timbers, Jr.

 William H. Timbers, Jr.
 President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned officers and directors of USEC Inc., hereby severally constitute and appoint William H. Timbers, Jr. and Henry Z Shelton, Jr., and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys, with full power to them and each of them singly, to sign for us in our names in the capacities indicated below, all pre-effective and post-effective amendments to this registration statement, and generally to do all things in our names and on our behalf in such capacities to enable USEC Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Name/Signature -----	Title -----	Date -----
/s/ James R. Mellor ----- James R. Mellor	Chairman of the Board and Director	February 2, 1999
/s/ Joyce F. Brown, Ph.D. ----- Joyce F. Brown, Ph.D.	Director	February 2, 1999
/s/ Frank V. Cahouet ----- Frank V. Cahouet	Director	February 2, 1999
/s/ John R. Hall ----- John R. Hall	Director	February 2, 1999
/s/ Dan T. Moore, III ----- Dan T. Moore, III	Director	February 2, 1999
/s/ William H. White ----- William H. White	Director	February 2, 1999
/s/ William H. Timbers, Jr. -----	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive	February 2, 1999

William H. Timbers, Jr.

Officer) and Director

/s/ Henry Z Shelton, Jr.

Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer (Principal
Financial and Accounting Officer)

February 2, 1999

Henry Z Shelton, Jr.

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USEC INC. 1999 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

SECTION 1.

PURPOSE. The purposes of the USEC Inc. 1999 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") are to promote the interests of USEC Inc. (the "Company") and its shareholders by (i) attracting and retaining key employees, consultants and non-employee directors of the Company and its Affiliates; (ii) motivating such individuals by means of performance-related incentives to achieve long-range performance goals; (iii) enabling such individuals to participate in the long-term growth and financial success of the Company; and (iv) linking compensation to the long-term interests of shareholders. With respect to any awards granted under the Plan that are intended to comply with the requirements of "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code (as defined below), the Plan shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with such requirements.

SECTION 2.

DEFINITIONS. As used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Affiliate" shall mean (i) any entity that, directly or indirectly, is controlled by the Company, (ii) any entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest and (iii) an affiliate of the Company, as defined in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, in each case as determined by the Committee.

"Award" shall mean any Option, Restricted Stock Award, Restricted Stock Unit, Other Stock-Based Award or Performance Award.

"Award Agreement" shall mean any written agreement, contract, or other instrument or document evidencing any Award, which may, but need not, be executed or acknowledged by a Participant.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Cause" shall mean, unless otherwise defined in the applicable Award Agreement, (i) the engaging by the Participant in willful misconduct that is injurious to the Company or its Affiliates, (ii) the embezzlement or misappropriation of funds or property of the Company or its Affiliates by the Participant, or the conviction of the Participant of a felony or the entrance of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere by the Participant to a felony, or (iii) the willful failure or refusal by the Participant to substantially perform his or her duties or responsibilities that continues after being brought to the attention of the Participant (other than any such failure resulting from the Participant's incapacity due to Disability). For purposes of this paragraph, no act, or failure to act, on the Participant's part shall be considered "willful" unless done, or omitted to be done, by him or her not in good faith and without reasonable belief that his or her action or omission was in the best interest of the Company. Any determination of Cause shall be made by the Committee in its sole discretion. Any such determination shall be final and binding on a Participant.

"Change in Control" shall mean, unless otherwise defined in the applicable Award Agreement, a change in control of the Company, which will be deemed to have occurred if:

(i) any "Person," as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act (other than (A) the Company, (B) any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company, and (C) any corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the shareholders

of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of Shares), is or becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including any securities acquired directly from the Company or its Affiliates) representing 25% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding voting securities;

(ii) the following individuals cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the number of directors then serving: individuals who, on the effective date (as defined in Section 16(a) of the Plan), constitute the Board and any new director (other than a director whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest,

including but not limited to a consent solicitation, relating to the election of directors of the Company) whose appointment or election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders was approved or recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors on the effective date of the Plan or whose appointment, election or nomination for election was previously so approved or recommended;

(iii) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of the Company or any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company with any other corporation, other than (A) a merger or consolidation that would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving or parent entity) more than 60% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such surviving or parent entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation or (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no "person" (as defined above), directly or indirectly, acquired 40% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities (not including any securities acquired directly from the Company or its Affiliates); or

(iv) the shareholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation of the Company or there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets (or any transaction having a similar effect), other than a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to an entity, at least 60% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by shareholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to such sale.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Committee" shall mean a committee of the Board (which may include the entire Board) designated by the Board to administer the Plan. The Committee shall be the Compensation Committee or a sub-committee thereof, unless the Board shall appoint another committee to administer the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of discretionary awards granted to Non-Employee Directors pursuant to Section 10 of the Plan, references to the Committee shall be deemed to be references to the Board.

"Covered Officer" shall mean at any date (i) any individual who, with respect to the previous taxable year of the Company, was a "covered employee" of the Company within the meaning of Section 162(m); provided, however, that the term "Covered Officer" shall not include any such individual who is designated by the Committee, in its discretion, at the time of any Award or at any subsequent time, as reasonably expected not to be such a "covered employee" with respect to the current taxable year of the Company and (ii) any individual who is designated by the Committee, in its discretion, at the time of any Award or at any subsequent time, as reasonably expected to be such a "covered employee" with respect to the current taxable year of the Company or with respect to the taxable year of

the Company in which any applicable Award will be paid.

"Disability" shall mean, unless otherwise defined in the applicable Award Agreement, a disability that would qualify as such under the Company's then current long-term disability plan.

"Employee" shall mean an employee of the Company or of any Affiliate.

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Fair Market Value" with respect to the Shares, as of any date, shall mean (i) the closing sales price of the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange, or any other such exchange on which the shares are traded, on such date, or in the absence of reported sales on such date, the closing sales price on the immediately preceding date on which sales were reported or (ii) in the event there is no public market for the Shares, the fair market value as determined, in good faith, by the Committee in its sole discretion.

"Incentive Stock Option" shall mean an option to purchase Shares from the Company that is granted under Section 6 of the Plan and that is intended to meet the requirements of Section 422 of the Code or any successor provision thereto.

"Non-Qualified Stock Option" shall mean an option to purchase Shares from the Company that is granted under Section 6 of the Plan and that is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option.

"Non-Employee Director" shall mean a member of the Board who is not an employee of the Company or any of its Affiliates.

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"Option" shall mean an Incentive Stock Option or a Non-Qualified Stock Option.

"Other Stock-Based Award" shall mean any award granted under Section 9 of the Plan.

"Participant" shall mean any Employee, Non-Employee Director or consultant who receives an Award under the Plan.

"Performance Award" shall mean any right granted under Section 8 of the Plan.

"Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or political subdivision thereof or other entity.

"Restricted Stock" shall mean any Share granted under Section 7 of the Plan.

"Restricted Stock Unit" shall mean any unit granted under Section 7 of the Plan.

"Retirement" shall mean, unless otherwise defined in the applicable Award Agreement, retirement of a Participant from the employ or service of the Company and any of its Affiliates in accordance with the terms of the applicable Company retirement plan or, if a Participant is not covered by any such plan, retirement on or after such Participant's 65th birthday.

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor thereto and shall include the staff thereof.

"Section 16" shall mean Section 16 of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder and any successor provision thereto as in effect from time to time.

"Section 162(m) shall mean Section 162(m) of the Code and the rules promulgated thereunder or any successor provision thereto as in effect from time to time.

"Shares" shall mean shares of the common stock, \$0.10 par value, of the Company, or such other securities of the Company as may be designated by the Committee from time to time.

"Substitute Awards" shall mean Awards granted solely in assumption of, or in substitution for, outstanding awards previously granted by a company acquired by the Company or with which the Company combines.

SECTION 3.

ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Authority of Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, and in addition to other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan, the Committee shall have full power and authority to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the type or types of Awards to be granted to a Participant; (iii) determine the number of Shares to be covered by, or with respect to which payments, rights, or other matters are to be calculated in connection with, Awards; (iv) determine the terms and conditions of any Award; (v) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances Awards may be settled, or exercised in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property, or canceled, forfeited, or suspended and the method or methods by which Awards may be settled, exercised, canceled, forfeited, or suspended; (vi) determine whether, to what extent, and under what circumstances cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards, other property, and other amounts payable with respect to an Award shall be deferred either automatically or at the election of the holder thereof or of the Committee; (vii) interpret and administer the Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to, or Award made under, the Plan; (viii) establish, amend, suspend, or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; and (ix) make any other determination and take any other action that the Committee deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan.

(b) Committee Discretion Binding. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan or any Award shall be within the sole

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discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon all Persons, including the Company, any Affiliate, any Participant, any holder or beneficiary of any Award, any Employee, any Non-Employee Director and any consultant.

(c) Delegation. Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, the Committee may delegate to one or more officers or managers of the Company or any Affiliate, or to a committee of such officers or managers, the authority, subject to such terms and limitations as the Committee shall determine, to grant Awards to, or to cancel, modify or waive rights with respect to, or to alter, discontinue, suspend, or terminate Awards held by, Participants who are not officers or directors of the Company for purposes of Section 16 or who are otherwise not subject to such Section.

(d) No Liability. No member of the Board or Committee shall be liable for any action taken or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan or any Award granted hereunder.

SECTION 4.

SHARES AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS.

(a) Shares Available. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4(b), the number of Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted under the Plan shall be 9,000,000 and the number of Shares with respect to which Awards (other than Options) may be granted under the Plan shall be 2,250,000. If, after the effective date of the Plan, any Shares covered by an Award granted under the Plan, or to which such an Award relates, are forfeited, or if such an Award is settled for cash or otherwise terminates or is canceled without the delivery of Shares, then the Shares covered by such Award, or to which such Award relates, or the number of Shares otherwise counted against the aggregate number of Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted, to the extent of any such settlement, forfeiture, termination or cancellation, shall again become Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted. In the event that any Option or other Award granted hereunder is exercised through the delivery of Shares or in the event that withholding tax liabilities arising from such Award are satisfied by the withholding of Shares by the Company, the number of Shares available for Awards under the Plan shall be increased by the number of Shares so surrendered or withheld. Notwithstanding the foregoing and subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4(b), no Participant may receive Options under the Plan in any calendar year that relate to more than 500,000 Shares; provided, however, a Participant may receive Options that relate to up to 1,000,000 Shares during the initial year of the Plan or in the calendar year in which the Participant's employment with the Company begins.

(b) Adjustments. In the event that the Committee determines that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Shares or other securities of the Company, or other similar corporate transaction or event affects the Shares such that an adjustment is determined by the Committee to be appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, then the Committee shall, in such manner as it may deem equitable: (i) adjust any or all of (1) the number of Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or property) with respect to which Awards may be granted, (2) the maximum number of Shares subject to Awards granted to a Participant pursuant to Sections 4(a) and 11(b) of the Plan, (3) the number of Shares or other securities of the Company (or number and kind of other securities or property) subject to outstanding Awards and (4) the grant or exercise price with respect to any Award; (ii) if deemed appropriate, provide for an equivalent award in respect of securities of the surviving entity of any merger, consolidation or other transaction or event having a similar effect; or (iii) if deemed appropriate, make provision for a cash payment to the holder of an outstanding Award; provided, in each case, that (A) with respect to Awards of Incentive Stock Options no such adjustment shall be authorized to the extent that such authority would cause the Plan to violate Section 422(b)(1) of the Code, as from time to time amended and (B) with respect to any Award no such adjustment shall be authorized to the extent that such authority would be inconsistent with the Plan's meeting the requirements of Section 162(m), unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

(c) Substitute Awards. Any Shares underlying Substitute Awards shall not, unless required by Section 16, be counted against the Shares available for Awards under the Plan.

(d) Sources of Shares Deliverable Under Awards. Any Shares delivered pursuant to an Award may consist, in whole or in part, of authorized and unissued Shares or of treasury Shares.

SECTION 5.

ELIGIBILITY. Any Employee (including any officer or employee-director of the Company or any Affiliate who is not a member of the Committee), Non-Employee Director or consultant shall be eligible to be designated a Participant; provided that Non-Employee Directors shall only be eligible to receive Awards granted pursuant to Section 10.

SECTION 6.

STOCK OPTIONS.

(a) Grant. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole and complete authority to determine the Participants to whom Options shall be granted, the number of Shares to be covered by each Option, the option price and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise of the Option. The Committee shall have the authority to grant Incentive Stock Options, or to grant NonQualified Stock Options, or to grant both types of options. In the case of Incentive Stock Options, the terms and conditions of such grants shall be subject to and comply with such rules as may be prescribed by Section 422 of the Code, as from time to time amended, and any regulations implementing such statute.

(b) Exercise Price. The Committee in its sole discretion shall establish the exercise price at the time each Option is granted. Except in the case of Substitute Awards, the exercise price of an Option may not be less than the Fair Market Value on the date of grant of such Option.

(c) Exercise. Each Option shall be exercisable at such times and subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may, in its sole discretion, specify in the applicable Award Agreement or thereafter. The Committee may impose such conditions with respect to the exercise of options, including without limitation, any relating to the application of federal, state or foreign securities laws or the Code, as it may deem necessary or advisable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Option shall not be exercisable after the expiration of ten years from the date such Option was granted.

(d) Payment. No Shares shall be delivered pursuant to any exercise of an Option until payment in full of the option price is received by the Company. Such payment may be made in cash, or its equivalent, or by exchanging Shares owned by the Participant for at least six months (which are not the subject of any pledge or other security interest), or by a combination of the foregoing, provided that the combined value of all cash and cash equivalents and the Fair Market Value of any such Shares so tendered to the Company as of the date of such tender is at least equal to such option price. A Participant may elect to pay all or any portion of the aggregate exercise price by having Shares with a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the aggregate exercise price withheld by the Company or sold by a broker-dealer.

SECTION 7.

RESTRICTED STOCK AND RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS.

(a) Grant. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have sole and complete authority to determine the Participants to whom Shares of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units shall be granted, the number of Shares of Restricted Stock and/or the number of Restricted Stock Units to be granted to each Participant, the duration of the period during which, and the conditions under which, the Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units may be forfeited to the Company, and the other terms and conditions of such Awards.

(b) Transfer Restrictions. Shares of Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units may not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered, except, in the case of Restricted Stock, as provided in the Plan or the applicable Award Agreements. Certificates issued in respect of Shares of Restricted Stock shall be registered in the name of the Participant and deposited by such Participant, together with a stock power endorsed in blank, with the Company. Upon the lapse of the restrictions applicable to such Shares of Restricted Stock, the Company shall deliver such certificates to the Participant or the Participant's legal representative.

(c) Payment. Each Restricted Stock Unit shall have a value equal to the Fair Market Value of a Share. Restricted Stock Units shall be paid in cash, Shares, other securities or other property, as determined in the sole discretion of the Committee, upon the lapse of the restrictions applicable thereto, or

otherwise in accordance with the applicable Award Agreement.

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(d) Dividends and Distributions. Dividends and other distributions paid on or in respect of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units may be paid directly to the Participant, or may be reinvested in additional Shares of Restricted Stock or in additional Restricted Stock Units, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

SECTION 8.

PERFORMANCE AWARDS.

(a) Grant. The Committee shall have sole and complete authority to determine the Participants who shall receive a "Performance Award," which shall consist of a right that is (i) denominated in cash or Shares, (ii) valued, as determined by the Committee, in accordance with the achievement of such performance goals during such performance periods as the Committee shall establish, and (iii) payable at such time and in such form as the Committee shall determine.

(b) Terms and Conditions. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine the performance goals to be achieved during any performance period, the length of any performance period, the amount of any Performance Award and the amount and kind of any payment or transfer to be made pursuant to any Performance Award.

(c) Payment of Performance Awards. Performance Awards may be paid in a lump sum or in installments following the close of the performance period or, in accordance with procedures established by the Committee, on a deferred basis.

SECTION 9.

OTHER STOCK-BASED AWARDS. The Committee shall have authority to grant to Participants an "Other Stock-Based Award," which shall consist of any right that is (i) not an Award described in Sections 6 through 8 above and (ii) an Award of Shares or an Award denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to, Shares (including, without limitation, securities convertible into Shares), as deemed by the Committee to be consistent with the purposes of the Plan. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of any such Other Stock-Based Award.

SECTION 10.

NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR AWARDS. The Committee may provide that all or a portion of a Non-Employee Director's annual retainer and/or meeting fees be payable (either automatically or at the election of a Non-Employee Director) in the form of Nonqualified Stock Options, Restricted Stock and/or Other Stock-Based Awards, including unrestricted Shares. Subject to the terms of the Plan and any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall determine the terms and conditions of any such Awards. In addition, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, grant awards of Restricted Stock to Non-Employee Directors pursuant to such terms and conditions as it may deem advisable, so long as such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with any other terms of the Plan.

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SECTION 11.

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO COVERED OFFICERS AND PERFORMANCE-BASED AWARDS.

Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, unless the Committee determines otherwise, all performance-based Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards, or other Stock-Based Awards shall be subject to the terms and provisions of this Section 11.

(a) The Committee may grant Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards to Covered Officers that vest or become exercisable upon the attainment of performance targets related to one or more performance goals selected by the Committee from among the goals specified below. For the purposes of this Section 11, performance goals shall be limited to one or more of the following Company, subsidiary, operating unit or division financial performance measures:

- (i) earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and/or amortization
- (ii) operating income or profit
- (iii) return on equity, assets, capital, capital employed, or investment
- (iv) after tax operating income
- (v) net income
- (vi) earnings or book value per share
- (vii) cash flow(s)
- (viii) total sales or revenues or sales or revenues per employee
- (ix) production (separative work units or SWUs)
- (x) stock price or total shareholder return
- (xi) dividends
- (xii) strategic business objectives, consisting of one or more objectives based on meeting specified cost targets, business expansion goals, and goals relating to acquisitions or divestitures
- (xiii) except in the case of Section 162(m) awards to Covered Officers, any other performance criteria established by the Committee

or any combination thereof. Each goal may be expressed on an absolute and/or relative basis, may be based on or otherwise employ comparisons based on internal targets, the past performance of the Company and/or the past or current performance of other companies, and in the case of earnings-based measures, may use or employ comparisons relating to capital, shareholders' equity and/or shares outstanding, or to assets or net assets.

(b) With respect to any Participant, the maximum annual number of shares in respect of which Restricted Stock Awards, Performance Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted under the Plan is 200,000 and the maximum annual amount of any Award settled in cash is \$2,000,000.

(c) To the extent necessary to comply with Section 162(m), with respect to Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards and Other Stock-Based Awards, no later than 90 days following the commencement of each performance period (or such other time as may be required or permitted by Section 162(m) of the Code), the Committee shall, in writing, (A) select the performance goal or goals applicable to the performance period, (B) establish the various targets and bonus amounts which may be earned for such performance period and (C) specify the relationship between performance goals and targets and the amounts to be earned by each Covered Officer for such performance period. Following the completion of each performance period, the Committee shall certify in writing whether the applicable performance targets have been achieved and the amounts, if any, payable to Covered Officers for such performance period. In determining the amount earned by a Covered Officer for a given performance period, subject to any applicable Award Agreement, the Committee shall have the right to reduce (but not increase) the amount payable at a given level of performance to take into account additional factors that the Committee may deem relevant to the assessment of individual or corporate performance for the performance period.

SECTION 12.

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT/SERVICE. The Committee shall have the full power and authority to determine the terms and conditions that shall apply to any Award upon a termination of employment/service, including a termination by the

Company without Cause, by a Participant voluntarily, or by reason of death, Disability or Retirement.

SECTION 13.

CHANGE IN CONTROL. Upon a Change in Control, all outstanding Awards shall vest, become immediately exercisable or payable or have all restrictions lifted.

SECTION 14.

AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION.

(a) Amendments to the Plan. The Board may amend, alter, suspend, discontinue, or terminate the Plan or any portion thereof at any time; provided that no such amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuation or termination shall be made without shareholder approval if such approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement for which or with which the Board deems it necessary or desirable to comply.

(b) Amendments to Awards. The Committee may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate, any Award theretofore granted, prospectively or retroactively; provided that any such waiver, amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancellation or termination that would adversely affect the rights of any Participant or any holder or beneficiary of any Award theretofore granted shall not to that extent be effective without the consent of the affected Participant, holder, or beneficiary; and provided further that the Committee shall not have the power to amend the terms of previously granted Awards to reduce, or cancel such Awards and grant substitute Awards which would have the effect of reducing the exercise price except pursuant to paragraph (c) below.

(c) Adjustment of Awards Upon the Occurrence of Certain Unusual or Nonrecurring Events. The Committee is hereby authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Awards in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, the events described in Section 4(b) hereof) affecting the Company, any Affiliate, or the financial statements of the Company or any Affiliate, or of changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles, whenever the Committee determines that such adjustments are appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan; provided that no such adjustment shall be authorized to the extent that such authority would be inconsistent with the Plan's meeting the requirements of Section 162(m), unless otherwise determined by the Committee.

SECTION 15.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) Dividend Equivalents. In the sole and complete discretion of the Committee, an Award may provide the Participant with dividends or dividend equivalents, payable in cash, Shares, other securities or other property on a current or deferred basis.

(b) Transferability. Except as provided below, no Award shall be assigned, alienated, pledged, attached, sold or otherwise transferred or encumbered by a Participant, except by will or the laws of descent and distribution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Participant may transfer any vested Award, other than an Incentive Stock Option, to members of his or her immediate family (defined as his or her spouse, children or grandchildren) or to one or more trusts for the exclusive benefit of such immediate family members or partnerships in which such immediate family members are the only partners if the Award Agreement so provides, the transfer is approved by the Committee and the Participant does not receive any consideration for the transfer. Any such transferred Award shall continue to be subject to the same terms and conditions that were applicable to such Award immediately prior to its transfer (except that such transferred Award shall not be further transferable by the transferee).

(c) No Rights to Awards. No Person shall have any claim to be granted any Award, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Employees,

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Non-Employee Directors, consultants, Participants, or holders or beneficiaries of Awards. The terms and conditions of Awards need not be the same with respect to each recipient.

(d) Share Certificates. All certificates for Shares or other securities of the Company or any Affiliate delivered under the Plan pursuant to any Award or the exercise thereof shall be subject to such stop transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the Plan or the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the SEC, any stock exchange upon which such Shares or other securities are then listed, and any applicable Federal or state laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions.

(e) Withholding. A participant may be required to pay to the Company or any Affiliate and the Company or any Affiliate shall have the right and is hereby authorized to withhold from any Award, from any payment due or transfer made under any Award or under the Plan or from any compensation or other amount owing to a Participant the amount (in cash, Shares, other securities, other Awards or other property) of any applicable withholding or other taxes in respect of an Award, its exercise, or any payment or transfer under an Award or under the Plan and to take such other action as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes. The Committee may provide for additional cash payments to holders of Awards to defray or offset any tax arising from the grant, vesting, exercise, or payments of any Award.

(f) Award Agreements. Each Award hereunder shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that shall be delivered to the Participant and shall specify the terms and conditions of the Award and any rules applicable thereto. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Plan and any Award Agreement, the terms of the Award Agreement shall prevail.

(g) No Limit on Other Compensation Arrangements. Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Company or any Affiliate from adopting or continuing in effect other compensation arrangements, which may, but need not, provide for the grant of options, restricted stock, Shares and other types of Awards provided for hereunder (subject to shareholder approval if such approval is required), and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

(h) No Right to Employment. The grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained in the employ of the Company or any Affiliate. Further, the Company or an Affiliate may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in any Award Agreement.

(i) No Rights as Shareholder. Subject to the provisions of the applicable Award, no Participant or holder or beneficiary of any Award shall have any rights as a shareholder with respect to any Shares to be distributed under the Plan until he or she has become the holder of such Shares. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in connection with each grant of Restricted Stock hereunder, the applicable Award shall specify if and to what extent the Participant shall not be entitled to the rights of a shareholder in respect of such Restricted Stock.

(j) Governing Law. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan and any Award Agreement shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware without giving effect to the conflict of law principles thereof.

(k) Severability. If any provision of the Plan or any Award is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any Person or Award, or would disqualify the Plan or any Award under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or

deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, Person or Award and the remainder of the Plan and any such Award shall remain in full force and effect.

(l) Other Laws. The Committee may refuse to issue or transfer any Shares or other consideration under an Award if, acting in its sole discretion, it determines that the issuance or transfer of such Shares or such other consideration might violate any applicable law or regulation (including applicable non-U.S. laws or regulations) or entitle the Company to recover the same under Section 16(b), and any payment tendered to the Company by a Participant, other holder or beneficiary in connection with the exercise of such Award shall be promptly refunded to the relevant Participant, holder, or beneficiary. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no Award granted hereunder shall be construed as an offer to sell securities of the Company, and no such offer shall be outstanding, unless and until the Committee in its sole discretion has determined that any such offer, if made, would be in compliance with all applicable requirements of the U.S. federal or non-U.S. securities laws and any other laws to which such offer, if made, would be subject.

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(m) No Trust or Fund Created. Neither the Plan nor any Award shall create or be construed to create a trust or separate fund of any kind or a fiduciary relationship between the Company or any Affiliate and a Participant or any other Person. To the extent that any Person acquires a right to receive payments from the Company or any Affiliate pursuant to an Award, such right shall be no greater than the right of any unsecured general creditor of the Company or any Affiliate.

(n) No Fractional Shares. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award, and the Committee shall determine whether cash, other securities, or other property shall be paid or transferred in lieu of any fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be canceled, terminated or otherwise eliminated.

(o) Headings. Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof.

SECTION 16.

TERM OF THE PLAN.

(a) Effective Date. The Plan shall be effective as of February 2, 1999, provided it has been approved by the Company's shareholders.

(b) Expiration Date. No new Awards shall be granted under the Plan after the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or in an applicable Award Agreement, any Award granted hereunder may, and the authority of the Board or the Committee to amend, alter, adjust, suspend, discontinue, or terminate any such Award or to waive any conditions or rights under any such Award shall, continue after the authority for grant of new Awards hereunder has been exhausted.

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USEC Inc. 1999 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

SECTION 1.

PURPOSE. The purpose of the USEC Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan") is to provide employees of USEC Inc. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries with an opportunity to become part owners of the Company by purchasing Shares (as defined below) through annual offerings financed by payroll deductions and/or lump sum payment contributions. It is the intention of the Company to have the Plan qualify as an "Employee Stock Purchase Plan" under Section 423 of Code (as defined below). The provisions of the Plan shall be construed accordingly.

SECTION 2.

DEFINITIONS. As used in the Plan, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Affiliate" shall mean (i) any entity that, directly or indirectly, is controlled by the Company, (ii) any entity in which the Company has a significant equity interest and (iii) an affiliate of the Company, as defined in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, in each case as determined by the Committee.

"Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.

"Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Change in Control" shall mean, unless otherwise defined in an Agreement, a change in control of the Company, which will be deemed to have occurred if:

(i) any "Person," as such term is used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act (other than (A) the Company, (B) any trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company, and (C) any corporation owned, directly or indirectly, by the shareholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of Shares), is or becomes the "beneficial owner" (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company (not including any securities acquired directly from the Company or its Affiliates) representing 25% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding voting securities;

(ii) the following individuals cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the number of directors then serving: individuals who, on the effective date (as defined in Section 12(a) of the Plan), constitute the Board and any new director (other than a director whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest, including but not limited to a consent solicitation, relating to the election of directors of the Company) whose appointment or election by the Board or nomination for election by the Company's shareholders was approved or recommended by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the directors then still in office who either were directors on the effective date of the Plan or whose appointment, election or nomination for election was previously so approved or recommended;

(iii) there is consummated a merger or consolidation of the Company or any direct or indirect subsidiary of the Company with any other corporation, other than (A) a merger or consolidation that would result in the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving or parent entity) more than 60% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the

Company or such surviving or parent entity outstanding immediately after such merger or consolidation or (B) a merger or consolidation effected to implement a recapitalization of the Company (or similar transaction) in which no "person" (as defined above), directly or indirectly, acquired 40% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities (not including any securities acquired directly from the Company or its Affiliates); or

(iv) the shareholders of the Company approve a plan of complete liquidation of the Company or there is consummated an agreement for the sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the

Company's assets (or any transaction having a similar effect), other than a sale or disposition by the Company of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to an entity, at least 60% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of which are owned by shareholders of the Company in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Company immediately prior to such sale.

"Committee" shall mean a committee of the Board designated by the Board to administer the Plan.

"Compensation" shall mean the total earnings, prior to withholding, paid to an Employee during the applicable pay period, including overtime and bonus payments. Compensation shall exclude relocation expenses, tax gross ups, referral bonuses, tuition reimbursement, the imputed value of group life insurance, car allowances, contest earnings, any employer contributions to a 401(k) plan, or other similar extraordinary remuneration received by such Employee.

"Employee" shall mean any individual who is an employee of the Company or of any Subsidiary whose customary employment with the Company is at least twenty (20) hours per week or five (5) months in any calendar year (within the meaning of Sections 423(b)(4) (B) and (C) of the Code, respectively). For purposes of the Plan, the employment relationship shall be treated as continuing intact while the individual is on sick leave or other leave of absence approved by the Company. Where the period of leave exceeds 90 days and the Employee's right to reemployment is not guaranteed either by statute or by contract, the employment relationship shall be deemed to have terminated on the 91st day of such leave.

"Enrollment Date" shall mean the first day of each Offering Period.

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Fair Market Value" with respect to the Shares, as of any date, shall mean (i) the closing sales price of the Shares on the New York Stock Exchange or any other such exchange on which the Shares are traded, or in the absence of reported sales on such date, the closing sales price on the immediately preceding date on which sales were reported, (ii) in the event there is no public market for the Shares, the fair market value as determined, in good faith, by the Committee in its sole discretion.

"Offering Period" shall mean a period of approximately six (6) months, or such other period (not to exceed one year) as determined by the Committee.

"Participant" shall mean an Employee who elects to participate in the Plan by filing an Enrollment Form (as defined in Section 6(b) hereof).

"Person" shall mean any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, government or political subdivision thereof or other entity.

"Purchase Date" shall mean the date the Plan administrator shall acquire Shares for Participants (which shall be the last day of the Offering Period, unless otherwise determined by the Committee).

"SEC" shall mean the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor thereto and shall include the staff thereof.

"Shares" shall mean shares of the common stock, \$0.10 par value, of the Company, or such other securities of the Company as may be designated by the Committee from time to time.

"Subsidiary" shall mean a subsidiary of the Company as defined under Section 424(f) of the Code.

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SECTION 3.

ADMINISTRATION.

(a) Authority of Committee. The Plan shall be administered by the Committee. Subject to the express provisions of the Plan and applicable law, and in addition to other express powers and authorizations conferred on the Committee by the Plan, the Committee shall have full power and authority to construe and interpret the Plan and may from time to time adopt such rules and regulations for carrying out the Plan as it may deem necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, the determination of Offering Periods hereunder.

(b) Committee Discretion Binding. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, all designations, determinations, interpretations, and other decisions under or with respect to the Plan, shall be within the sole discretion of the Committee, may be made at any time and shall be final, conclusive, and binding upon all Persons, including the Company, any Subsidiary, any Participant, any Employee, and any designated beneficiary.

(c) Delegation. Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, the Committee may delegate to one or more officers or managers of the Company or any Subsidiary, or to a committee of such officers or managers, the authority, subject to such terms and limitations as the Committee shall determine, to administer the Plan.

(d) No Liability. No member of the Board or Committee shall be liable for any action taken or determination made in good faith with respect to the Plan.

(e) Agreements. The Committee may in its sole discretion determine from time to time that the Company shall offer to enter into agreements hereunder ("Agreements") with all of the Participants, provided, however, that it shall be under no obligation to do so.

SECTION 4.

SHARES AVAILABLE FOR AWARDS.

(a) Shares Available. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 4(b), the number of Shares which may be sold under the Plan shall not exceed 2,500,000 shares. In the event that any Shares offered during an Offering Period are not purchased, such unpurchased Shares may again be sold under the Plan.

(b) Adjustments. In the event that the Committee determines that any dividend or other distribution (whether in the form of cash, Shares, other securities, or other property), recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, split-up, spin-off, combination, repurchase, or exchange of Shares or other securities of the Company, issuance of warrants or other rights to purchase Shares or other securities of the Company, or other similar corporate transaction or event affects the Shares such that an adjustment is determined by the Committee to be appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be made available under the Plan, then the Committee shall, in such manner as it may deem appropriate make such equitable adjustments in the Plan and the then outstanding offerings as it deems necessary and appropriate, including but not

limited to changing the number of Shares reserved under the Plan and the price of the current offering.

(c) Source of Shares. Shares which are to be delivered under the Plan may be obtained by the Company from its treasury, by purchases on the open market or from private sources, or by issuing authorized but unissued Shares. Any issuance of authorized but unissued Shares shall be approved by the Board or the Committee. Authorized but unissued Shares may not be delivered under the Plan if the purchase price thereof is less than the par value of the Shares. Subject to the provisions of Section 11(i) below, fractional Shares may not be issued and sold under the Plan.

(d) Oversubscription. If the number of Shares that Participants become entitled to purchase is greater than the number of Shares offered in a particular Offering Period or remaining available, the available Shares shall be allocated by the Committee among such Participants in such manner as it deems fair and equitable.

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SECTION 5.

ELIGIBILITY. All Employees (including Employees who are directors) of the Company or of any Subsidiary designated by the Committee, will be eligible to participate in the Plan, in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed from time to time; provided, however, that such rules shall neither permit nor deny participation in the Plan contrary to the requirements of the Code (including, but not limited to, Sections 423(b)(3), (4) and (5) thereof) and regulations promulgated thereunder. No Employee shall be eligible to participate in the Plan until the completion of six (6) months of service. During an Offering Period, no Employee may participate under the Plan if such Employee would own 5% or more of the total combined voting power or value of all classes of stock of the Company or any Subsidiary. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the rules of Section 424(d) of the Code shall apply in determining the stock ownership of an Employee, and Shares which the Employee would be permitted to purchase under the current Offering Period shall be treated as Shares owned by the Employee.

SECTION 6.

PARTICIPATION AND OFFERINGS.

(a) The Company may authorize one or more Offering Periods to Employees to purchase Shares under the Plan. The Committee may at any time suspend an Offering Period if required by law or if the Committee determines in good faith that it is in the best interests of the Company.

(b) Eligible Employees may become Participants in such Offering Periods at such time(s) as determined by the Committee by filing a form of enrollment ("Enrollment Form") with the Company authorizing specified regular payroll deductions or lump-sum payments. Subject to paragraph (c) below, payroll deductions for such purpose shall be in one percent (1%) increments of Compensation subject to a minimum of one percent (1%) and a maximum deduction of ten percent (10%) of Compensation per pay period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event may the sum of a Participant's lump sum contributions and payroll deductions exceed 10% of a participant's Compensation for the applicable Offering Period.

(c) Notwithstanding anything else contained herein, no Employee may purchase Shares under this Plan and any other qualified employee stock purchase plan (within the meaning of Section 423 of the Code) of the Company or its Subsidiaries at a rate which exceeds \$25,000 of Fair Market Value of Shares for each calendar year in which a purchase is executed. For purposes of this Section, Fair Market Value shall be determined as of the first date of the applicable Offering Period.

(d) The Company and participating Subsidiaries will establish Participant recordkeeping accounts authorizing a payroll deduction pursuant to Section 6(b).

(e) A Participant may, by written notice at any time during the Offering Period, direct the Company to reduce or increase payroll deductions (or, if the payment for Shares is being made through periodic lump sum payments, notify the Company that such payments will be increased, reduced, or terminated), subject to a maximum of one change per Offering Period.

(f) A Participant may elect to withdraw all of his or her entire account prior to the end of the Offering Period. No partial withdrawal will be permitted unless otherwise determined by the Committee. Any such withdrawal will terminate such Participant's participation for the remainder of the Offering Period. If a Participant withdraws from an Offering Period, payroll deductions shall not resume at the beginning of the succeeding Offering Period unless the participant delivers to the Company a new Enrollment Form.

(g) As of the last day of the Offering Period, the recordkeeping account of each Participant shall be totaled. Subject to the provisions of Section 6(f) above, if such account contains sufficient funds to purchase one or more Shares as of that date, the employee shall be deemed to have purchased the largest number of Shares at the price determined under Section 7 below; such Participant's account will be charged, on that date, for the amount of the purchase, and for all purposes under the Plan the Participant shall be deemed to have acquired the Shares on that date. The registrar for the Company will make an entry on its books and records evidencing that such Shares have been duly issued as of that date; provided, however, that a Participant may, in the alternative, elect in writing prior thereto to receive a stock certificate representing the amount of such full Shares acquired (and any remaining balance shall be returned to such Participant by check or remain in the recordkeeping account for the succeeding Offering Period).

(h) Each Participant may be requested to notify the Company of any disposition of Shares purchased pursuant to the Plan prior to the expiration of the holding periods set forth in Section 423(a) of the Code.

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SECTION 7.

PURCHASE PRICE. The purchase price of a Share pursuant to a transaction under the Plan shall be the lesser of: (a) 85% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Enrollment Date of the applicable Offering Period, and (b) 85% of the Fair Market Value of a Share on the Purchase Date of the applicable Offering Period.

SECTION 8

TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. Unless otherwise specified in an Agreement, upon a Participant's ceasing to be an Employee of the Company or a participating Subsidiary, for any reason, he or she shall be deemed to have elected to withdraw from the Plan and the payroll deductions credited to such Participant's account during the Offering Period, but not yet used, shall be returned to the Participant or, in the case of his or her death, to the Participant's designated beneficiary or estate.

SECTION 9.

TRANSFERABILITY. Neither payroll deductions credited to a Participant's account nor any rights with regard to the purchase of Shares under the Plan may be assigned, transferred, pledged, or otherwise disposed of in any way (other than by will, laws of descent and distribution, or beneficiary designation) by a Participant. Any such attempt at assignment, transfer, pledge, or other disposition shall be without effect, except that the Company may treat such act as an election to withdraw funds from an Offering Period in accordance with Section 6(f) hereof.

SECTION 10.

CHANGE IN CONTROL. Unless otherwise specified in an Agreement, notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, in the event of a Change

in Control of the Company, if the Committee determines that the operation or administration of the Plan could prevent Participants from obtaining the benefit of accrued purchase rights under the Plan, the Plan may be terminated in any manner deemed by the Committee to provide equitable treatment to Participants. Equitable treatment may include, but is not limited to, payment to each Participant of the amount of contributions and interest standing to such Participant's account as of the date of the Change in Control, plus an additional amount determined by (A) calculating the number of full Shares that could have been purchased for the Participant immediately prior to the Change in Control at the purchase price (determined under Section 7 at the beginning of the Offering Period (the "Purchase Price")) and (B) multiplying that number of Shares by the difference between the Purchase Price per Share and the highest price paid per Share in connection with the Change in Control of the Company.

SECTION 11.

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

(a) Amendments. The Board may, from time to time, alter, amend, suspend, or discontinue the Plan or alter or amend any and all Agreements; provided, however, that no such action of the Board may, without the approval of the shareholders, make any amendment for which shareholder approval is necessary to comply with any tax or regulatory requirement, including for this purpose, any approval requirement which is a prerequisite for exemptive relief under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act or Sections 423 and 424 of the Code.

(b) No Right to Employment. The grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained in the employment of the Company or any Subsidiary. Further, the Company or any Subsidiary may at any time dismiss a Participant from employment, free from any liability or any claim under the Plan, unless otherwise expressly provided in the Plan.

(c) No Rights as Shareholder. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, no Participant or holder or beneficiary of any purchase shall have any rights as a shareholder with respect to any Shares to be distributed under the Plan until such Shares have been purchased pursuant to Section 6(g) hereof.

(d) Obligatory Status. Participation in the Plan shall impose no obligation upon a Participant to purchase any Shares under the Plan.

(e) Application of Funds. The proceeds received by the Company from the sale of Shares pursuant to purchases under the Plan will be used for general corporate purposes.

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(f) Severability. If any provision of the Plan becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any person, or would disqualify the Plan or any purchase under any law deemed applicable by the Committee, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Committee, materially altering the intent of the Plan, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction or person, and the remainder of the Plan shall remain in full force and effect.

(g) Governing Law. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to the conflict of law principles thereof.

(h) Other Laws. The Committee may refuse to issue or transfer any Shares if, acting in its sole discretion, it determines that the issuance or transfer of such Shares or such other consideration might violate any applicable law or regulation (including applicable non-U.S. laws or regulations) or entitle the Company to recover the same under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, and any payment tendered to the Company by a Participant, other holder or beneficiary in connection with the purchase of such Shares shall be promptly refunded to the relevant Participant, holder, or beneficiary. Without limiting the generality of

the foregoing, no Plan provision shall be construed as an offer to sell securities of the Company, and no such offer shall be outstanding, unless and until the Committee in its sole discretion has determined that any such offer, if made, would be in compliance with all applicable requirements of the U.S. federal or non-U.S. securities laws and any other laws to which such offer, if made, would be subject.

(i) No Fractional Shares. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan. Any payroll deductions or lump sum contributions credited to a Participant's account which are not sufficient to purchase a full share shall be retained in the Participant's recordkeeping account for the subsequent Offering Period, subject to early withdrawal by the Participant as provided in Section 6(f) hereof, or distributed as a cash payment on the Purchase Date.

(j) Shareholder Approval. This Plan shall not be effective until approved by the shareholders of the Company as provided in Section 423(b)(2) of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

(k) Headings. Headings are given to the Sections and subsections of the Plan solely as a convenience to facilitate reference. Such headings shall not be deemed in any way material or relevant to the construction or interpretation of the Plan or any provision thereof.

SECTION 12.

TERM OF THE PLAN.

(a) Effective Date. The Plan shall be effective as of February 2, 1999, provided it has been approved by the Company's shareholders.

(b) Expiration Date. The Plan shall terminate on the tenth anniversary of the Effective Date or, subject to the provisions of Sections 4(d) and 11(a) above, coincident with the completion of any offering under which the limitation on the total number of Shares in Section 4(a) above has been reached, if earlier.

[LETTERHEAD OF SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP]

February 2, 1999

USEC Inc.
Two Democracy Center
6903 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

Re: USEC Inc.
Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to USEC Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the registration of 11,500,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), issuable pursuant to the USEC Inc. 1999 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Incentive Plan") and the USEC Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (together with the Incentive Plan, the "Plans").

This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act").

In connection with this opinion, we have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of (i) the Registration Statement on Form S-8 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on February 2, 1999 under the Act (the "Registration Statement"); (ii) a specimen certificate representing the Common Stock; (iii) the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, as presently in effect; (iv) the By-laws of the Company, as presently in effect; (v) the Plans; (vi) certain resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Company, the Compensation Committee, and the Compensation Subcommittee of the Board of Directors relating to the issuance and

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sale of the Shares and related matters; and (vii) certain resolutions of the stockholders of the Company relating to the Plans. We have also examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such records of the Company and such agreements, certificates of public officials, certificates of officers or other representatives of the Company and others, and such other documents, certificates and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate as a basis for the opinions set forth herein.

In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. In making our examination of documents executed or to be executed by parties other than the Company, we have assumed that such parties had or will have the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and execution and delivery by such parties of such documents and the validity and binding effect thereof. As to any facts material to the opinions expressed herein which we have not independently established or verified, we have relied

upon statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others. In rendering the opinion set forth below, we have assumed that the certificates representing the Shares will be manually signed by one of the authorized officers of the transfer agent and registrar for the Common Stock and registered by such transfer agent and registrar and will conform to the specimen thereof examined by us.

We have also assumed that each award agreement setting forth the terms of each grant of options or other awards under the Incentive Plan will be consistent with Incentive Plan and will be duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the parties thereto, and that the consideration received by the Company for the Shares delivered pursuant to the Plans will be in an amount at least equal to the par value of such Shares.

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Members of our firm are admitted to the bar in the State of Delaware, and we do not express any opinion as to the laws of any other jurisdiction.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance by the Company and, when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plans, the Shares will be validly issued and, subject to any restrictions imposed by the Plans, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not thereby admit that we are included in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

As independent public accountants, we hereby consent to the incorporation in this registration statement of our reports dated July 31, 1998 related to USEC Inc.'s balance sheets and the related statements of income and cash flows and to all references to our Firm included in this registration statement.

/s/ Arthur Andersen LLP

Washington, D.C.
February 2, 1999