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Louisiana Energy Services Gas Centrifuge Uranium Enrichment Facility
NRC Docket No. 70-3103

Subject: Notification of Planned Submission of Application

By letter dated December 17, 2001, from Dr. P. C. Upson, Urenco Limited, to Dr. William D. Travers, NRC, Louisiana Energy Services (LES) notified the NRC of its intention to apply for and obtain a license to build and operate a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility in the United States. This letter is to notify the NRC of our plan to submit a license application for such a facility in accordance with 10 CFR 40, "Domestic Licensing of Source Material," and 10 CFR 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material," by the end of 2003. This application will be for the National Enrichment Facility (NEF) to be located on a site that has been selected in Lea County, New Mexico.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 630-657-2813.

Respectfully,

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Vice President
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cc: T. C. Johnson, NRC Project Manager

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