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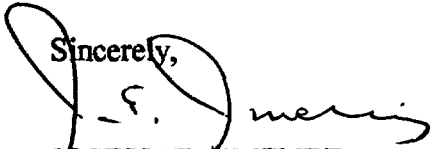
Chairman Nils Diaz
US Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Diaz:

As Principal of the largest elementary school in Hobbs, I see NEF as a blessing for us. My goals as a principal are to begin preparing our students to direct their education towards jobs that NES will be able to provide.

In the past, our children and students have been forced to leave our community in search of meaningful and rewarding employment. With NES, I have visions of our community growing and retaining our children.

I wish to thank NEF for this opportunity to voice my opinion and to support our leaders who have assured us that NEF will provide us with a safe environment.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH E. JIMENEZ
Principal - Southern Heights Elementary

Cc: Governor Bill Richardson
Secretary Ron Curry

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