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Rules and Directives Branch
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Mail Stop T6-D59
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Docket Number 70-3103

Dear Rules and Directives Branch,

In response to Federal Register of February 4, 2004 (Volume 69, Number 23) regarding a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility proposed to be built near Eunice, New Mexico by Louisiana Energy Services (LES), I request that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission include the following item within the scope of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

I am concerned about the availability of water to supply this plant while still meeting current demands in the Hobbs and Eunice area. I have heard arguments that the plant's consumption is not high relative to other industrial uses, but we live in a desert and water is precious. Further, if there is any surface or groundwater contamination from the operation or waste storage associated with this plant, there could be even tighter supplies of water. While LES claims that they will use 25 million gallons of water annually, they have admitted to misleading the public before. Therefore, the residents of the Hobbs and Eunice area must have some firm assurance that LES will not use in excess of 25 million gallons of water annually, such as the imposition of heavy fines for exceeding the limit. Water is too precious to this area. Please include a thorough examination of water supply issues for southeastern New Mexico and west Texas in preparing the EIS.

I have been a resident of New Mexico for XX years. (Enter other personal information if desired.) I thank you for your thorough review of my concerns.

Sincerely,

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