

April 23, 2004

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING SUMMARY REPORT RELATED TO THE INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES NATIONAL ENRICHMENT FACILITY

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On March 4, 2004, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff held a public scoping meeting in Eunice, New Mexico to discuss the environmental review of the Louisiana Energy Services National Enrichment Facility, and to obtain public comments on the scope of environmental impacts to be addressed in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The NRC staff has prepared the enclosed Environmental Scoping Summary Report identifying comments received at the March 4, 2004 environmental scoping meeting. In addition to receiving comments at the public meeting, the staff accepted written public comments through March 18, 2004. Comments received after this date were considered to the extent possible in preparing the scoping summary report. The scoping summary report describes the scoping process and discusses the significant issues and concerns raised. It also discusses the alternatives to be evaluated, the scope of the EIS, and addresses issues considered to be beyond the scope of the EIS.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.29(b), you are being provided a copy of the scoping meeting summary report. The report is available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland; or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) under accession number ML041050128. A copy of the meeting transcript is also available at ML040791008 ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

The next step in the environmental review process is the issuance of a draft EIS. The notice of the availability of the draft EIS and the procedures for providing comments will be published in an upcoming *Federal Register* notice. A copy of the draft EIS will be provided to you.

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If you have any questions or comments concerning the Scoping Meeting Summary Report, please contact Melanie Wong at (301) 415-6262.

Sincerely,

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