

April 27, 2004

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SUBJECT: CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY REPORT FOR LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES PROPOSED GAS CENTRIFUGE URANIUM ENRICHMENT FACILITY IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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- J. Arteberry, Director of Environment, Comanche of Oklahoma
- H. B. E. Houghten, Mescalero Apache Tribe
- A. Sinclair, Governor, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

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