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Mr. Scott G. Flanders, Deputy Director  
Environmental and Performance Assessment  
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001

Re: Visit to Almelo, Netherlands

Dear Mr. Flanders:

Having just returned from touring the Urenco facilities in Almelo, I wanted to share my impressions with you.

I had the opportunity to visit with Urenco officials as well as local residents and farmers. I am very happy with what I observed, with the answers to my questions and with the facilities safety record. I have no concerns at all regarding the facility or its effects on the environment or community.

I greatly appreciate the opportunity I had to see firsthand what the facility entails and to have all of my questions answered directly by officials who have been with the facility for numerous years. I believe the proposed Louisiana Energy Services National Enrichment Facility for Lea County, New Mexico will not only be safe, but a positive business influence in our community.

Thank you for keeping me informed and on the NRC's distribution list. If I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to call me.

Respectfully yours,

THE CITY OF HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

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