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I would like to state that since LES has presented no timetable for the disposal of waste its plant will produce that their license application be denied.
 I would like to state that since LES has not made any disposal sites known to the licensing process that their license application be denied.

The State of New Mexico had a clear and unconditional agreement from LES that there will be no long-term storage or disposal of enrichment byproduct in New Mexico.
 (See email below) There is no mention of "life of the plant" or reclassifying the waste to something the plant would need to keep on hand.

I would like to state that I believe the evaporative ponds LES would use to dispose of the radioactive water their plant would create poses a unreasonable risk to the health of the public and to the groundwater (water table.) of Lea County and Andrews County(Texas)

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Dear Mr. Barr

Thanks for your note about the storage and eventual deconversion or disposal of byproduct from the proposed uranium enrichment plant in Eunice.

The Governor has a clear and unconditioned commitment from LES that there will be no long-term storage or disposal of enrichment byproduct in New Mexico. This commitment will be backed up by a financial instrument. The proposal in the energy bill to transfer the byproduct to the USDOE would not be acceptable unless it resulted in timely and thorough removal of the byproduct as committed by LES to the Governor. Saying that DOE might or will construct a deconversion facility would not be adequate, because it neither makes the link between this facility and its byproduct nor creates any priority for the deconversion of these byproducts, which would be behind decades of byproduct from other facilities.

Again thanks for your note and for your concern for New Mexico.

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