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Chairman Nils Diaz
US Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to show my support for the National Enrichment Facility. This project will add jobs in southeast New Mexico and West Texas and help to diversify our economies. Having spent my entire working career in the energy industry, I appreciate the opportunity we have to welcome a new energy industry into the area.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement found that the entire NEF process from construction, operation, and decommissioning will have only a small impact on ecological resources. It also shows that land use and air quality will not be adversely affected. While a thorough and complete review by your agency is expected, any prolonged delay is costly to the local economy and the nation.

According to the Draft EIS, "The NRC staff recommends that, unless safety issues mandate otherwise, the proposed license be issued to LES." I agree. LES has shown itself to be a good corporate citizen. Not only does LES contribute to local organizations that benefit the people of Lea County, they have gone to great lengths to keep us informed about their intent and to help educate everyone about the process. I believe that the draft EIS supports the fact that the NEF is a safe and environmentally sound project.

I urge the NRC to grant LES their license.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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cc: Governor Bill Richardson
NMED Secretary Ron Curry
New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid

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