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Chairman Nils Diaz  
US Nuclear Regulatory  
Office of Public Affairs  
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to offer my continued support of the National Enrichment Facility (NEF) project that is to be built outside of Eunice, New Mexico.

I have carefully reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). It was nice to see that the study was done so thoroughly and I was not surprised to learn the NEF will only have a positive impact on our economy and will have minimal impact environmentally on the region.

I am also proud that Lea County has the opportunity to help the United States reach its national energy security policy objectives which President Bush has wisely made a priority. To decrease our need on foreign oil and energy would greatly help the United States and I fully support any effort that is as safe and environmentally sound as the NEF to accomplish that goal.

Our community and our state will benefit from the NEF. We in Lea County have contributed to the energy needs of this country for over 75 years. With the NEF we can continue to contribute for another 30.

I encourage the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to grant Louisiana Energy Services their license to run the NEF. We in Lea County are ready to plan our future with the NEF in it.

Sincerely,  
*Gay G. Kernan*  
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Secretary Ron Curry  
New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid

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