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Chairman Nils Diaz
US Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
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Dear Chairman Diaz:

This letter is in support of LES to obtain a license from the NRC to establish a uranium enrichment facility in Eunice, NM.

It was nice to see how much preparation goes into building a site and how carefully the NRC reviews all aspects of impact. That the NEF will have a small impact on such things as historical and cultural resources and land use and air quality makes it easy to extend our continued support.

The Draft EIS was very positive for the NEF. I am glad that the report found that the NEF will have only minimal environmental impact on this region. That the Draft EIS found that the NEF will have a positive socioeconomic impact on Lea County encourages our continued support.

The LES has shown itself to be a good corporate citizen by contributing to local organizations that benefit the people of Lea County as well as always keeping us informed and educated about the process. The Draft EIS just confirms that the NEF really is a safe and environmentally sound project.

I fully support the NEF and hope that their licensing process continues to go smoothly so that we in Lea County can begin making plans for a future that includes the NEF.

Sincerely,

Kristi Matthews

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

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