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Chairman Nils Diaz
US Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D.C. 20855

Honorable Chairman Diaz:

This letter is to confirm the support of the City of Andrews for the National Enrichment Facility (NEF). We believe the facility will provide needed support to the nuclear power industry in the United States. There is strong support in the region for a facility based upon good geology, sound science and proper oversight.

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was both comprehensive and compelling. The EIS demonstrates the relatively small impact of this facility, yet its importance to the economic growth of Southeast New Mexico and West Texas. As a community in the "affected area" by NEF, this review is important to Andrews.

We appreciate the informative and inclusive process of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Similarly, LES has been very forthcoming in addressing concerns or questions raised regarding the NEF and its operations. We believe that the EIS confirms that the NEF can operate in a safe, prudent manner.

We encourage the expedient, but thorough review of the NEF license application.

Sincerely,

Glen E. Hackler

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City Manager

Robert Zap

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

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