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

Dear Chairman Diaz:

This letter is in support of Louisiana Energy Service (LES) to obtain a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish a uranium enrichment facility in Eunice, NM.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was very positive for the National Enrichment Facility (NEF). I am especially glad that the EIS found the NEF will have only a small impact on radiological exposures with levels significantly below regulatory limits.

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 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,

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