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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

Before Administrative Judges:

G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Chairman
Dr. Paul B. Abramson
Dr. Charles N. Kelber

In the Matter of

LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, L.P.

(National Enrichment Facility)

Docket No. 70-3103-ML

ASLBP No. 04-826-01-ML

December 7, 2004

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
(Request for Scheduling Information)

As reflected in the appendix to the Licensing Board's August 16, 2004 memorandum and order, the general schedule for this proceeding calls for evidentiary hearings on environmental contentions to be conducted between February 7 and February 16, 2005. Now that the discovery process relative to those contentions is nearing its conclusion, the Board requests that the parties consult among themselves and on or before Tuesday, December 14, 2004, provide the Licensing Board with a joint report outlining their current estimate as to how long the evidentiary hearing will require, both in toto and as to each of the four environmental contentions that are to be heard during that period. Additionally, the Board asks that the parties provide their views on the order in which the environmental contentions should be heard.

If the parties cannot agree on an estimate of the length of the evidentiary hearing or the order of presentation, any separate views should be provided in the report.

It is so ORDERED.

FOR THE ATOMIC SAFETY
AND LICENSING BOARD*

/RA/

G. Paul Bollwerk, III
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

Rockville, Maryland

December 7, 2004

* Copies of this memorandum and order were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission to counsel for (1) applicant Louisiana Energy Services, Inc.; (2) intervenors New Mexico Environment Department, the Attorney General of New Mexico, and Nuclear Information and Resource Service/Public Citizen; and (3) the NRC staff.

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing LB MEMORANDUM AND ORDER (REQUEST FOR SCHEDULING INFORMATION) have been served upon the following persons by deposit in the U.S. mail, first class, or through NRC internal distribution.

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