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ATTN: Document Control Desk
Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Louisiana Energy Services, L. P.
National Enrichment Facility
NRC Docket No. 70-3103

Subject: Response to NRC Request for Additional Information Regarding Transportation Security

- References:**
1. Letter NEF#03-003 dated December 12, 2003, from E. J. Ferland (Louisiana Energy Services, L. P.) to Directors, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards and the Division of Facilities and Security (NRC) regarding "Applications for a Material License Under 10 CFR 70, Domestic licensing of special nuclear material, 10 CFR 40, Domestic licensing of source material, and 10 CFR 30, Rules of general applicability to domestic licensing of byproduct material, and for a Facility Clearance Under 10 CFR 95, Facility security clearance and safeguarding of national security information and restricted data"
 2. Letter NEF#03-004 dated December 12, 2003, from R. M. Krich (Louisiana Energy Services, L. P.) to Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NRC) regarding "Submittal of Safeguards Information as Part of the Application for a Material License Under 10 CFR 70, Domestic licensing of special nuclear material, 10 CFR 40, "Domestic licensing of source material, and 10 CFR 30, Rules of general applicability to domestic licensing of byproduct material"
 3. Letter NEF#04-012 dated May 12, 2004, from R. M. Krich (Louisiana Energy Services, L. P.) to Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NRC) regarding "Response to NRC Request for Additional Information Concerning the Physical Protection and Security Sections of the License Application"
 4. Letter NEF#04-028 dated July 30, 2004, from R. M. Krich (Louisiana Energy Services, L. P.) to Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NRC) regarding "Revision to Physical Security Plan, Safeguards Contingency Plan, and Standard Practices and Procedures for the Protection of Classified Matter"

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5. Letter dated November 29, 2004 from T.C. Johnson (NRC) to R. Krich (Louisiana Energy Services) regarding "Request for Additional Information On Transportation Security"

By letter dated December 12, 2003 (Reference 1), E. J. Ferland of Louisiana Energy Services (LES), L. P., submitted to the NRC applications for the licenses necessary to authorize construction and operation of a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility. The Physical Security Plan (PSP), the Safeguards Contingency Plan, the Guard Force Training and Qualification Plan, and the Standard Practice Procedures Plan for the Protection of Classified Matter portions of the applications for the licenses were submitted to the NRC separately by letter dated December 12, 2003 (Reference 2). The Reference 3 letter provided the responses to NRC Requests for Additional Information (RAI) concerning the PSP, Safeguards Contingency Plan, the Guard Force Training and Qualification Plan, and the Standard Practice Procedures Plan for the Protection of Classified Matter. The Reference 3 letter also provided Revision 1 to these plans that included changes to the respective plans resulting from the RAI responses. The Reference 4 letter provided Revision 2 to the PSP, Safeguards Contingency Plan, and the Standard Practice Procedures Plan for the Protection of Classified Matter.

By letter dated November 29, 2004 (Reference 5), the NRC requested additional information and clarifications be provided regarding transportation security with 30 days (i.e., by December 29, 2004). This letter transmits the LES responses to these NRC Request for Additional Information (RAI). The changes resulting from these responses are reflected in the attached Revision 3 to the PSP. Revision 3 does not include changes to the portions of the PSP that contain classified information (i.e., confidential national security information (CNSI)). These RAIs, associated responses, and Revision 3 to the PSP are considered proprietary in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390, "Public inspections, exemptions, requests for withholding," paragraph (d)(1). Accordingly, we request that these RAIs, the associated responses and Revision 3 to the PSP be withheld from public disclosure.

Attachment 1 to this letter provides the RAIs with the associated responses. Attachment 2 to this letter includes the updated pages for Revision 3 to the PSP.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 630-657-2813.

Respectfully,



R. M. Krich
Vice President – Licensing, Safety, and Nuclear Engineering

Attachments:

1. LES Response to November 29, 2004, Request for Additional Information on Transportation Security
2. Physical Security Plan, updated pages for Revision 3, w/o classified information

cc: T. C. Johnson, NRC Project Manager (letter only)

ATTACHMENT 1

**Louisiana Energy Services
Response to November 29, 2004
Request for Additional Information on Transportation Security**