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NRC EXTENDS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT IN NEW MEXICO UNTIL JAN. 7

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has extended until Jan. 7 the public comment period for the draft environmental impact statement for a proposed uranium enrichment plant to be built in Lea County, N.M.

Public access to documents concerning the license application of Louisiana Energy Services for the proposed plant was limited after the NRC shut down its online documents library for a security review.

The agency is placing on its Web site redacted versions of the draft environmental impact statement, the environmental report submitted by LES as part of its application, and LES's responses to NRC staff requests for additional information related to the environmental report. These documents will be available no later than Dec. 23 through this address: <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/lesfacility.html>. The redactions withhold potentially sensitive information relating to the security of the proposed facility.

Other publicly available documents may be available by request to the NRC's Public Document Room by calling (800) 397-4209 or (301) 415-4737, or through e-mail at PDR@nrc.gov. Requested documents will be screened by the agency for sensitive information before they are released.

Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be postmarked by Jan. 7 and sent to Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to nrcprep@nrc.gov or by facsimile to (301) 415-5397, attention: Anna Bradford. Please note Docket Number 70-3103 on all submissions.

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