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## NUREG-1790/Docket # 70-3103

Public Comment: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Uranium Enrichment
Facility Proposed by Louisiana Energy Services for Lea County, NM

## To Whom It May Concern:

I have concerns with the environmental justice impacts of the proposed uranium enrichment facility in Lea County, New Mexico. I request that the environmental justice impacts be looked into more thoroughly in that the EIS evaluate environmental justice issue in geographic comparison with other rates rather than just New Mexico. This is necessary since multiple sites around the country were considered for the NEF and the people of Lea County would like some reassurance that the site in Lea County was not chosen because it has a high-minority and low-income populace. In comparison with the population nationally, Lea County is home to a disproportionate number of low-income persons and minorities. Therefore, the citizens of Lea County will be impacted disproportionately by the NEF. These concerns coupled with LES' history of environmental justice issues makes it important that this issue be looked at more carefully in the final EIS.

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