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BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

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In the Matter of:

Louisiana Energy Services, L.P.

(National Enrichment Facility)

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Docket No. 70-3103-ML

ASLBP No. 04-826-01-ML

LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, L.P. RESPONSE TO NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT
DEPARTMENT SUPPLEMENT TO MOTION TO FILE LATE CONTENTIONS

On December 17, 2004, New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") filed a supplement to its prior filings seeking admission of certain late-filed contentions on waste disposal and waste classification.¹ NMED's Supplement addresses the same issue remanded to the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Licensing Board") by the Commission by Memorandum and Order of December 8, 2004, CLI-04-35.² Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. ("LES") previously addressed the remanded issue in a filing of December 17, 2004.³ However, by scheduling order also dated December 17, 2004,⁴ the Licensing Board invited further responses to NMED's Supplement. LES offers this response.

¹ "NMED's Supplement to Motion to File Late Contentions," dated December 17, 2004 ("NMED's Supplement").

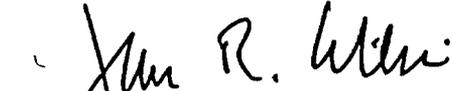
² *Louisiana Energy Services, L.P.* (National Enrichment Facility), CLI-04-35, 60 NRC ____ (Dec. 8, 2004) (slip op.).

³ "Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. Response in Connection with Matters Remanded in CLI-04-35," dated December 17, 2004 ("LES Response").

⁴ "Order (Schedule for Responses to Supplement to Late-Filed Contentions Motion)," December 17, 2004.

NMED's Supplement addresses the question of the admissibility of the late-filed NMED contentions, discussing the criteria (such as "good cause" for late-filing) of 10 C.F.R. §§ 2.309(c) and (f)(2). As explained in the prior LES Response (at 2-3), the Licensing Board has ruled on that issue in its Memorandum and Order of November 22, 2004.⁵

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⁵ "Memorandum and Order (Ruling on Late-Filed Contentions)," November 22, 2004.

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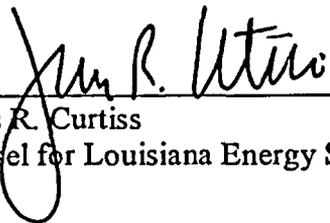
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