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Chairman Nils Diaz **US Nuclear Regulatory** Office of Public Affairs Washington, D.C. 20555 9117/04 69FR5610L

## Dear Chairman Diaz:

This letter is in support of Louisiana Energy Services (LES) to obtain a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to establish the National Enrichment Facility in Eunice, NM.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was very positive for the NEF. I am especially glad that the EIS found the NEF will have only a small impact on radiological exposures with levels significantly below regulatory limits.

LES has shown itself to be a good corporate citizen by contributing to local organizations that benefit the people of Lea County as well as always keeping us informed and educated about the process. The Draft EIS just confirms that the NEF really is a safe and environmentally sound project.

I fully support the NEF and hope that their licensing process continues to go smoothly so that we in Lea County can begin making plans for a future that includes the NEF.

Sincerely,

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