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Chairman Nils Diaz  
US Nuclear Regulatory  
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Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to express my continued support of the planned National Enrichment Facility (NEF). Lea County needs to diversify our economy and the NEF is a welcome opportunity to do that.

I am pleased that the recently issued Draft Environmental Impact Statement agreed with what Louisiana Energy Services has been telling the citizens of Lea County. This project really is safe and environmentally sound.

It was nice to see how much preparation goes into building a site and how carefully the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reviews all aspects of the project. That the NEF will have a small impact on such things as historical and cultural resources and land use and air quality makes it easy to extend our continued support.

I look forward to welcoming the NEF as a permanent part of our community and encourage you to approve their license application quickly.

Sincerely,

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John Barnett

cc: Governor Bill Richardson  
Secretary Ron Curry  
New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid

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