Comments from Hermilo Ojeda

NOTE: These comments were provided in Spanish at a public meeting to discuss the Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the National Enrichment Facility. The meeting was held on October 14, 2004 in Eunice, New Mexico. The following is a translation Mr. Ojeda's oral comments. The meeting transcript is at www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/ml043090069.pdf.

Mr. Ojeda: Good evening. Welcome to this small town of Eunice. My name is Hermilo Ojeda, from the radio station KLMA, and I encourage you to support this enterprise, since it will be beneficial for the current economy. Two thousand construction-related jobs for 5-7 years; 210 permanent jobs, ranging from cleaning to physical security. I do not know much about the plant's technology, but I can assure you about the plant's security. I had the opportunity to visit Almelo, and I was impressed by the security in that place. There has not been any major accident. The loyalty of the workers is incredible - from 20 to 24 years working for a company, that is loyalty. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is concerned about our security (that is, you). And neither me nor some of us who were at the plant in Almelo, none of us is glowing green, since we are not radioactive. I am not an expert on nuclear matters, but I am concerned about my children's security. And I can assure you that security is very good at this plant. Thank you.