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Nils J Diaz
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Dear Nils Diaz:

The community of Eunice, New Mexico has a right to know about the environmental and health impacts that Louisiana Energy Service's (LES) proposed uranium enrichment facility will bring to their community. In fact, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) provides for a public "environmental assessment" of any federal action that could damage the environment. This process includes public notice and comment, and requires your agency to acknowledge and respond to comments.

However, the NRC removed health and safety information from the Draft Environmental Impact Statement of LES's proposed uranium enrichment facility. This action has hampered the public's ability to learn about and provide input on this project. Your agency's actions blatantly violate NEPA, and have set a dangerous precedent for other agencies to disregard public disclosure laws aimed at protecting public health and the environment.

Please reopen the public comment period, provide a complete EIS, and give the public enough time for its consideration. In addition, please provide me with a written response stating how the NRC has the authority to remove a Draft Environmental Impact Statement from public view, and repost a redacted version for public comment.

Sincerely,

Phillip Turner

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