


**ENVIROCARE OF UTAH, LLC**
**SAFE AND SECURE**
**U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

 In the Matter of Louisiana Energy Services, L.P.

 Docket No. 70-3103-ML Official Exhibit No. LES 103

 OFFERED by Applicant/Licensee Intervenor \_\_\_\_\_

NRC Staff \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

 IDENTIFIED on 10/26/05 Witness/Panel LES Disposal

 Action Taken: ADMITTED REJECTED WITHDRAWN

 Reporter/Clark Bethany Engel

February 3, 2005

By Facsimile (505) 944-0198 and UPS

Mr. E. James Ferland  
 President and Chief Executive Officer  
 Louisiana Energy Services, L.P.  
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 DOCKETED   
 USNRC 
 December 21, 2005 (3:30pm) 
 OFFICE OF SECRETARY   
 RULEMAKINGS AND   
 ADJUDICATIONS STAFF

Dear Mr. Ferland:

As a follow-up to our recent discussions, I confirm that the existing licenses and permits for Envirocare's Clive, Utah, disposal facility currently allow Envirocare to dispose of depleted  $U_3O_8$  subject to the material meeting Envirocare's licenses, permits and operational requirements. If Envirocare were to enter into an agreement with LES for the disposal of depleted  $U_3O_8$ , we would dispose of this material at our facility using the shallow land burial method in accordance with our regulatory authorizations in a cell with a cap (i.e., a Class A disposal cell). Envirocare has previously received and disposed of depleted  $U_3O_8$  in this manner at our facility in Clive, Utah.

At your request, Envirocare has also reviewed the cost estimate for depleted  $U_3O_8$  disposal contained in the license application filed before the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission by Louisiana Energy Services for the National Enrichment Facility. Based on our review, and considering Envirocare's experience in disposing of depleted  $U_3O_8$ , the cost range presented in the current LES license application is a conservative estimate of what it would currently cost at standard depleted  $U_3O_8$  density to dispose of such material at Envirocare's Utah facility. Of course, disposal charges are subject to change in the future based on a variety of factors.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Al Rafati  
 Executive Vice President

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