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In the Matter of
LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, L.P.
(National Enrichment Facility)
Docket No. 70-3103; ASLBP No. 04-826-01-ML

Dear Administrative Judges:

Pursuant to the Board's request for an update of the documents relating the mandatory hearing, set forth in the Memorandum and Order of February 17, 2006, the Staff is providing copies of documents relating to the Staff's review of the application submitted by the Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (LES) for the proposed National Enrichment Facility (Enclosure 1). These are provided in two binders; one contains a complete set of all of the documents related to the Staff's review of the Department of Energy cost estimate, and the other contains all of the documents generated regarding other aspects of the Staff's review since the mandatory disclosure submittal provided in September 2005.

The Staff has prepared an index of the documents related to the DOE cost estimate (Enclosure 2). This includes the only Request for Information (RAI) which has been issued since the September, 2005, submittal (Item No. 5). Accordingly, the Staff has not provided a separate updated version of the RAI index previously provided. The Staff has also provided an updated version of the "LES ASLB Mandatory Disclosure Documents," which contains a listing of all documents relating to the other aspects of the Staff's review (Enclosure 3). The remaining index previously provided, entitled "LES Mandatory Hearing Submittal Index - September 16, 2005," was a list of the documents LES had provided to the Staff for incorporation into the complete submittal provided to the Board. Because the documents in that index were incorporated into the Staff's index, identified above, it has not been separately updated.

Regarding the Board's request regarding the schedule for the Staff's review of the DOE cost estimate, the Staff is currently expecting additional information from LES responding to the remaining questions from the Staff later this week. Assuming that the information is received as expected, the Staff expects that its review should be completed by April 14, 2006.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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Enclosures:

1. Updated Mandatory Hearing Documents
2. Index of documents related to DOE Cost Estimate
3. LES ASLBP Mandatory Disclosure Documents

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