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**Re: Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (National Enrichment Facility),
Docket No. 70-3103, Request for Extension of Time to Respond
to Questions Concerning 10 C.F.R. 2.390 Nondisclosure Request**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

By letter to Karl W. Gross dated July 21, 2006, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") requested that Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. ("LES") respond, within 30 days, to two questions posed by the NRC concerning the basis for LES's request that the NRC withhold certain proprietary information from public disclosure pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 2.390. LES submitted that information, which concerns a proprietary U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE") report on depleted uranium disposition costs, to the NRC via letters dated December 30, 2005 (NEF#05-035) and February 27, 2006 (NEF#06-005). In support of its nondisclosure request, LES subsequently submitted two affidavits executed by Mr. Larry W. Brown of DOE on May 17, 2006. In view of the need for LES to coordinate its responses to the NRC's questions with DOE, LES requests an additional 30 days (or until September 21, 2006) to respond.

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We appreciate your assistance in this matter. Please contact me at (202) 282-5751 if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Karl W. Gross, LES Project Manager