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Director
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001
ATTN: Document Control Desk

Louisiana Energy Services, LLC
National Enrichment Facility
NRC Docket No. 70-3103

Subject: Louisiana Energy Services, LLC Request for Withholding Information from Public Disclosure Related to 10CFR70.72 Evaluation and Licensing Basis Document Updates

Reference: (1) Letter No. NEF-08-00067-NRC, Response to NRC Request for Additional Information Concerning Review of 10 CFR 70.72 Evaluations and Licensing Basis Document Updates, dated March 31, 2008
(2) Letter from Brian W. Smith (NRC) to Stephen Cowne (Louisiana Energy Services) regarding Request for Withholding Information from Public Disclosure (Louisiana Energy Services Gas Centrifuge Uranium Enrichment Facility), dated April 18, 2008

Per Reference (1) above, Louisiana Energy Services, LLC (LES) responded to a request from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for additional information regarding 10 CFR 70.72 evaluations and licensing basis document updates. As part of that response, LES requested that the additional information provided to the NRC be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4) and (d)(1). Per Reference (2) above, NRC informed LES that the required affidavit did not address, with specificity, the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.390(b)(4) and that an amended affidavit would be required within 30 days of the date of its letter to have the requested information withheld from public disclosure.

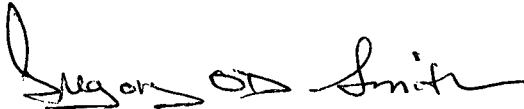
As stated in Reference (1), the original 10 CFR 70.72 summaries were sufficiently general to allow public disclosure; however, the expanded descriptions provided in the letter's enclosures included details of security-related design changes, details of design changes affecting licensing basis documents including the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan and Emergency Plan and that are related to business proprietary information and procedure and process changes that have not previously been made publicly available.

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This type of information and the discussions that it represents has an impact on our facility capital and operation cost profile. As a result of this business sensitive status this data is routinely held in confidence by LES and has not previously been made publicly available. Accordingly, LES requests that information contained in Reference (1) be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 2.390(a)(4) and (d)(1). An affidavit requesting withholding of this information is provided in Enclosure 1 as required by Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 2.390(b)(1).

If you have any questions, please call Mr. Stephen Cowne, Licensing Director, at 505-394-4646.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory OD Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "S".

Gregory OD Smith
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Enclosures: as stated

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