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Attn: Document Control Desk Director Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, MD 20852

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

Subject:

LES Commitment to NRC for Separations Building Modules License

Amendment Request (LAR-08-07).

Reference:

1) NRC Request for Additional Information (RAI) on the Separations Building Modules License Amendment Request (LAR-08-07), September 30, 2008 (NEF IN-08-00156-NRC), September 30, 2008.

- 2) NEF-08-00269-NRC, Letter from LES to NRC, Revision to the National Enrichment Facility License Amendment Request (LAR-08-07) to provide an alternate sole Item Relied On For Safety (IROFS) for minimizing UF₆ releases after a Design Basis Earthquake (DBE), October 23, 2008.
- 3) e-mail from the NRC to LES, from T. D. Naquin, dated December 19, 2008, Subject: RE: little comment.

On September 30, 2008, Louisiana Energy Services (LES) received a Request for Additional Information (RAI) (Reference 1) from the NRC regarding the LES Revision to the National Enrichment Facility (NEF) License Amendment Request (LAR) LAR-08-07, Separations Building Modules License Amendment Request (Reference 2).

LES participated in several tele-conferences with the NRC providing additional information to the NRC requests for follow up clarifications. Additionally, the NRC provided several questions to LES via e-mail, one of which requested clarifications concerning the flooding analysis for the NEF site as it relates to the Separations Building



modules (Reference 3). In response to and to close this request for clarification item, NEF makes the following regulatory commitment:

"NEF/LES will review the topography of the NEF/LES site and surrounding relevant area, out to the boundaries of the drainage basin, for any natural or manmade changes. This review will be performed every five years unless significant topography changes are identified between reviews. In the event of changes that could affect the calculation of the maximum probable flood level, NEF/LES will re-evaluate its flooding analysis to ensure that all Separations Building Modules (SBM) abnormal condition calculations are still bounding."

LES appreciates the efforts of the NRC staff in supporting the review and approval of this License Amendment Request in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Cowne, LES Quality and Regulatory Affairs Director at (575) 394-5253.

Respectfully,

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