

December 19, 2011

Mr. Perry Robinson  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC DISCLOSURE,  
LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES, LLC, (TAC NO. L33182)

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This is in response to your affidavit, signed and dated December 2, 2011, requesting that Louisiana Energy Services's (LES) Letter LES-11-00174-NRC, Enclosure 1, Operating History of TC21s, be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390.

LES stated that the submitted information should be considered exempt from mandatory public disclosure for the following reasons:

1. The information contained in the document cited above is proprietary related to the commercial aspects of LES. This type of information is routinely protected by LES and has been withheld from public disclosure by the U.S Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in the past.
2. The information in the cited document describes, in detail, the operating experience of centrifuge machines. This knowledge has been gained from several years of work by our company and millions of dollars of expense. Public disclosure of the information has the potential to result in substantial harm to the competitive position of LES and reduce or foreclose the availability of profit opportunities.
3. The information in the document cited above should be exempt from public disclosure pursuant to the provisions in 10 CFR Part 2.390(a)(4) and 2.390(d)(1), respectively.

The staff reviewed your affidavit and the material in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR 2.390 and, on the basis of your statements, has determined that the submitted information sought to be withheld contains proprietary, commercial information.

Therefore, Enclosure 1, Operating History of TC21s, of Letter LES-11-00174-NRC marked as "Proprietary Information - Withhold Under 10 CFR 2.390," will be withheld from public disclosure pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4) and (d)(1) and Section 103(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Withholding this information from public inspection shall not affect the right, if any, of persons properly and directly concerned to inspect the documents. If the basis for withholding this information from public inspection should change in the future such that the information could then be made available for public inspection, promptly notify the NRC.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," copies of this letter will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records System component of the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Michael Raddatz at (301) 492-3108 or via e-mail to [Michael.Raddatz@nrc.gov](mailto:Michael.Raddatz@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,  
**/RA/**

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