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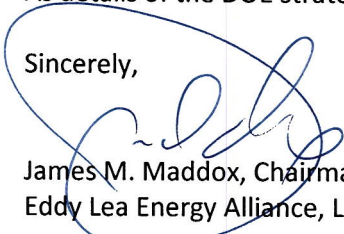
Subject: Notice of Intent to Submit a License Application for Consolidated Used Nuclear Fuel Storage Facility

Dear Ms. Haney,

This letter serves as notification that Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance, LLC (ELEA), a consortium of four New Mexico governmental entities which include Eddy and Lea Counties and the cities of Carlsbad and Hobbs, intend to submit a site-specific license application under 10 CFR Part 72 in FY2015 for a Consolidated Used Nuclear Fuel Storage Facility. This notice is provided to facilitate your budget and resource planning.

The application will be in response to the US Department of Energy's January 2013 Strategy Document for implementing the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future. The DOE Strategy Document recommended one or more Consolidated Storage Facilities be developed. As details of the DOE strategy are implemented, we will keep the NRC staff advised of our progress.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mr. Mark D. Lombard, Director
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