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To Whom it May Concern:

I write today to submit my statement related to the permit request of AREVA to utilize the site of Waste Control Specialist in Andrews, TX. It is my understanding that a request has been made to permit an interim nuclear waste facility 35 miles west of Andrews, TX at the current WCS facility. Having toured that facility, though it poses no concern as a low-level permanent storage site for commercial radioactive materials, I do have a concern as it relates to high-level material that will be stored for a considerable time so close to the URENCO, USA facility and to the Town of Eunice, NM. For the over 275 employees of URENCO and the citizens of Eunice to bear such a risk is unacceptable. While we are considered a welcoming community with regard to nuclear facilities, the transportation and storage of high-level waste so close to our community would be a burden that I cannot support.

I would ask that you reject the request of AREVA to site at WCS and review other potential sites in the area that would provide a more secure location, avoid the risk associated with transportation and consider whether in fairness, a community should bear the risk while receiving no fiscal benefit. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Gay G. Kernan New Mexico State Senator District 42 Lea, Eddy & Chaves

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