



Northwest Louisiana Development Center

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Safety and Safeguards
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U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as an indication of our strong support for the proposed Claiborne Enrichment Center to be built in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. I have had the opportunity to read the draft environmental impact statement for the proposed project, and concur with the conclusion that the enrichment center plan for Claiborne Parish can be "constructed and operated with small and acceptable impact on the public and environment".

Our organization, a non-profit economic development corporation, serves the seven parish Northwest Louisiana area, and our major objective is to promote sound economic development. We have followed the above project from its initial planning stages, and commend Louisiana Energy Services for its thorough, thoughtful and comprehensive approach to the proposed project. In addition to the need to provide a reliable national source of uranium enrichment services, this project will have an extremely positive economic impact, not only on Claiborne Parish, but this entire region. We therefore urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to authorize the license for this project at the earliest possible date.

Sincerely,

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