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Chief, Enrichment Branch
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Sirs:

I have recently looked over the DEIS for the Claiborne Enrichment Center, and would like to respond to that statement briefly.

I wholeheartedly agree with NRC in its conclusion that CEC can be "constructed and operated with small and acceptable impacts on the public and environment". I live approximately 3 miles from the proposed CEC site, and have been extremely concerned with the environmental aspects of the project. Through extensive inquiry and study, I have been convinced that the environment in our area will be as clean and safe, if not cleaner and safer when CEC is in operation.

I am also certain in my thinking that the centrifuge technology, with its proven record in foreign operations, will be vastly superior to the gaseous diffusion technology, and will be totally accepted by our country and our community, once it is in full operation. As I see it, the fears that some of our people have concerning problems at other U.S. operations are not a part of what CEC is all about.

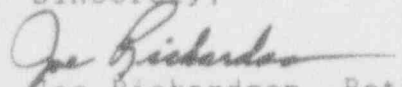
In examining the DEIS, it appears that concerns about Tails Disposition, UF Leakage, Hydrology, Air Pollution, Radiological Impacts, Potential Accidents, and Land Contamination have all been adequately addressed. I have NO FEARS AT ALL about being a resident of the community where CEC will be located.

I am also extremely excited about the economic impact that CEC will have on our area. The dollars from jobs(both construction and operational), increased land values, and added tax revenues cannot do anything but make Claiborne Parish and the surrounding area a better place to live.

I would urge the NRC to authorize licensing of this facility at the earliest possible date.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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