

Watershed Association of the Delaware River

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December 20, 1993

Chief, Enrichment Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington DC 20555

Re: Louisiana Energy Services DEIS (NUREG 1484)
Claiborne Parish, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

We urgently and emphatically add our voice to the many others demanding an extension of the comment deadline for this project for 90 days.

If the NRC has hopes of ever living down its "public-be-damned" reputation it should start by giving the low-income, minority communities next to the proposed uranium enrichment plant (but not acknowledged in the DEIS) a decent chance to participate.

Forty-five days which include the holiday season are not adequate to review a 400+ page document. We are also informed that no more than one or two copies of the document have as yet reached the locality from NRC.

If, as we are told, it is true that prior delays in reviewing the project are because of the applicant's tardiness, then the NRC should not try to "make up time" at the expense of impoverished African-American neighborhoods.

We have requested a copy of the DEIS from your Information Support Services because we are curious to know why the nation needs new uranium enrichment facilities, given the vast amount of high grade material now available from decommissioned weapons.

Yours sincerely,

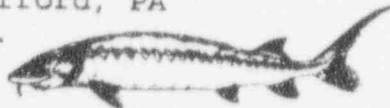


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