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Subject: email letter to Senator Schumer (D-NY)

Dear Senator Schumer:

The nuclear proliferation and national security problem is being virtually ignored in Lea County New Mexico because the NRC claims that the nuclear proliferation and national security problem is not within the scope of NRC jurisdiction regarding the licensing of Louisiana Energy Service (LES) who wants to build a uranium enrichment facility near Eunice, NM. LES is primarily owned by URENCO, a European company. A thorough congressional investigation of URENCO is desperately needed because it is URENCO uranium enrichment technology that has gotten into the hands of Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Libya, and North Korea. At the moment President Bush is making A. Q. Khan, of Pakistan, the scapegoat but there is significant evidence that he did not, and could not, have acted alone. If LES is allowed to receive an operating license from the NRC highly sensitive American secrets will be at great risk. I urge you to demand a full congressional investigation into both LES and URENCO and to ask the congress to give a directive to the NRC to withhold granting LES an operating license until that congressional investigation is completed.

Sincerely,
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