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Dear NRC officials,

The following are the concerns of Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping CARD to the uranium enrichment facility proposed by Louisiana Energy Services LES for southeastern New Mexico. Please include these concerns in your environmental impact statement. Thank you.

Southeastern New Mexico is located in one of the largest karstlands in the world. Please refer to EEG 7 appendix by Dr. Lawrence Barrows, [EEG, 505-828-1003]. A number of NRC documents recommend against siting nuclear facilities in karst. If you have difficulty finding these, we can provide some documentation on request.

The Nome project, according to EEG, contaminated air, soil and plant life in SE NM. During the discovery period of our lawsuits against DOE and its contractors concerning WIPP, recently concluded, we found problems concerning WIPP's monitoring systems. Due to past and possibly on going contamination in SE NM it will be difficult to assess LES' ability to contain radioactive contaminants. Since LES has a record of polluting, future accountability should be an important factor in allowing this project to move forward, however that might be difficult or impossible in a SE NM location.

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