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More information I would like to post as an objection to LES/urengo in New Mexico. Specifically labelled Radiation, security deficiencies, and waste on this page.  
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Hartsville Tennessee Citizens Say No to LES!  
Press Release

American local government officials visit Urengo Almelo: Will they believe the nuclear industry's sweet-talking?

Amsterdam - 12 November 2002

While anti-nuclear activists are busy carrying out actions against a nuclear waste transport from France to Gorleben in Germany, around 20 Americans are on a visit to Urengo's uranium enrichment plant in Almelo, The Netherlands.

Urengo, in cooperation with several American companies, wants to build a similar plant in Hartsville, Tennessee. To this end, Urengo has invited selected local government officials and others from the region around Hartsville to come and visit their plant in Almelo. WISE Amsterdam fears that Urengo will give the officials an excessively positive picture of the uranium enrichment industry and say little or nothing about the often serious mistakes that Urengo has repeatedly made through the years. Some examples of these:

1. Radiation. The level of radiation near the Urengo site is sometimes much higher than standards allow. In the spring of 1994, for example, radiation levels measured at the boundary of the Urengo site reached a staggering 27 times the allowed levels (1).
2. Security deficiencies. Dr. A.Q.Khan, a Pakistani who once worked at Urengo, stole technical information from Urengo in order to build a uranium enrichment plant in Pakistan for atomic weapon production. Dr. Khan is now suspected of having transferred the same technology to North Korea (2). Also, blueprints stolen from Urengo Germany were once sold to Iraq (3). So two out of the three countries in what President Bush calls the "axis of evil" obtained nuclear weapons technology because of gaps in Urengo's security.
3. Waste. As well as enriched uranium for nuclear fuel production, Urengo produces far larger quantities of depleted uranium. Urengo likes to send its depleted uranium to Russia for "re-enrichment" (4). This "re-enrichment" process also produces large amounts of waste, which is stored in Russia "on the cheap", in conditions which would not be considered acceptable in the Netherlands or the US.

WISE Amsterdam hopes that the American delegation enjoys their visit to the Netherlands but nevertheless rejects uranium enrichment technology. WISE Amsterdam is currently supporting a number of local groups in Tennessee by supplying them with information.

Uranium enrichment is no ordinary business - it's a dangerous technology with a dirty past and a dirty future!

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Urenco runs uranium enrichment plants in Germany, the UK and the Netherlands (<http://www.urengo.com>)

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Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2004 12:09 PM

Subject: Re: Fw: Louisiana Energy Services enrichment plant andNational Security

Dear Mr. Barr-

Thank you so much for your comments. The comments you have previously provided are being considered in the preparation of the EIS. I had hoped to meet you at last week's scoping meeting in Eunice.

Your previous comment submitted via email on 3/4 contained a link to [http://search.csmonitor.com/search\\_content/0302/p01s03-wogi.html](http://search.csmonitor.com/search_content/0302/p01s03-wogi.html)

Unfortunately, CSM has removed this article from their open website to their archive files which one has to be a registered user to gain access. For this to be properly evaluated in the EIS, we would need to see the article. Would it be possible for you to send me an electronic copy of the file?

Thank you for your consideration,  
Melanie

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Afternoon,  
Subject: Urenco, Louisiana Energy Services and National Security

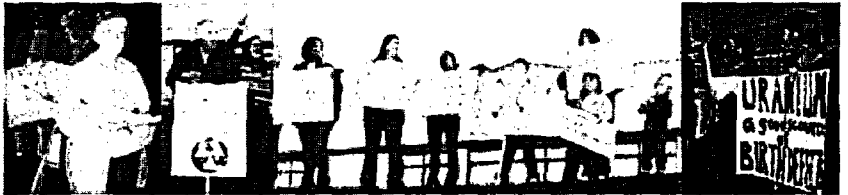
It appears Urenco has been responsible for the spread of nuclear technology to some very unfriendly governments. What is the NRC's position on this? What is to keep Urenco from letting another DR Khan walk out a front gate of a Les plant in New Mexico with advanced technology, maybe this time with some US technology?

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**Stop LES!**

Citizens for Smart Choices





**"I'm not drinking toxic Louisiana lemonade," says Dan Sweeton of Lebanon, Tennessee.**

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**To:** Doris Mendiola  
**Date:** 3/15/04 8:20AM  
**Subject:** Comment 35: LES enrichment plant and National Security

Doris-

I am unsure of how to delete the email trail so that the comment contains only Mr. Barr's comment and submitted article.

Melanie