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In addition to the already submitted subjects, the other issues I would like specified are as follows: The actual work titles and description of duties, qualifications required and salary per job title, quantity of workers at each area as well. Avg income is estimated to be \$50000 year. With the IRB of 1.8 B how will that be paid if plant does not turn a profit? Are layoffs possible with this plant, how are those layoffs prioritized? What type of benefits will be made specifically to those with "higher" earning potential? Is there some type of legal agreement signed or oath taken to preclude disclosure of "classified" information? What special requirements will construction workers and other type of laborers need to meet. How volatile is UF6 and how much will be on site at any given hour of the day? What is the worst thing that will happen if there is an accident with UF6, minor or major, what are we as a community to expect. Almelo Netherlands plant's financial records, security records, incident or event reports should be open to scrutiny by the appropriate officials. The partners, with Urenco, should have all financial, security records, incident or event reports should be open as well. Reports regarding all excessive emissions incidents and what action was taken by Urenco and safety officers. Why did excessive emissions get released? Was it human error or mechanical? I would like more information from NRC regarding UBC safety records, how many containers have actually leaked and how much waste and UF6 lost. What was the end result of each incident/accident. What are actual NRC figures/reports on vehicle accidents involving transit containers/UBCs with enriched uranium or uranium ore. Will there be some type of evacuation plan and procedure in place in case of accident at the plant site? These plans need to be in place before completion of plant. How will information emergency evacuations be disseminated? Public information on this plant has been tempered by LES up to now, will they continue to be responsible for giving me emergency information? This is not acceptable to me. There needs to be an impartial expert on the site at all times not just during construction but at all times. Medical and emergency personnel should start now getting the necessary background information that will make them able to handle radiation situations now, not later. We must start preparing now not later, not with "plausible" strategies but with definite and do-able strategies. Since I oppose the plant and since I have made this known I have encountered much opposition from the Eunice News (our local and only town newspaper). I attempted to have a flyer inserted in the newspaper so that I could get a wide area of exposure for a meeting I wanted to announce in anticipation of the NRC scoping meeting. I was told by Tanya White that anything anti-LES would not be put in the paper. When I asked Tanya White, why? She stated that she just wouldn't do it. I told her okay and then asked her to remove my business ad from newspaper and she acknowledged. May I point out that 2 wks prior to this an inserted ad *in support of this project* and signed by several people including tanya and lynn white was in the news paper. I am forwarding these flyers to you by snail mail. I will also include the newspaper and comments made by the news editors and their coverage of NRC scoping meeting, I hope you will find it enlightening. Following this rejection CNIC went to the Hobbs news so that we could run an ad with signatures opposing the plant, we were told that it would be published because of some of the wording problems? There is still ignorance in the local community of Eunice in regards to this plant. Approximately 1/3 of the population is Mexican/American and due to communication problems these folks do not always get the same information that is available to others in English. It is a fact of life. There were 2 Hispanics that spoke at scoping meeting and claimed they understood and accepted that the uranium plant would be safe and this was just great for us all. Those people do not speak for me and I am Hispanic. I do not accept the idea that all Hispanics in Eunice, Hobbs and Jal

understand what exactly is going on with this project. I also believe there is an undercurrent of some threats being made to people that oppose the project. They are being threatened by their employers not to make any waves or get in the way of this plant. Since becoming verbal in opposition to the plant at a local LES meeting, I read in the Hobbs news paper that our county commissioner Harry Teague called us "cave people". We have valid concerns and this man who is in an esteemed position of being a "leader" calls his constituents "cave people?" It is certainly expected that he support the project but to impose his opinion on us and call concerned people names in that way is unreasonable. I only hope that the real concerns are taken seriously in to account and treated fairly by the NRC. Some remarks made in the application should be clarified, when stating local officials, thos officials need to be named and they should refer to people whose main duties fall under that job description. Are they stating facts or opinions, is their knowledge proficient enough to make a correct assessment on the subject at hand. Also, there is a statement that claims that the local people are more concerned with oilfield related accidents and with H2S gas, I personally believe that is a false statement. While I am concerned with those problems, they are not even related to this type of potential danger associated with radiation. Finally, I believe an impartial expert should give the plant information from beginning to end to the local city council in Eunice. There were 2 new members elected on March 2, 2004 and I believe all members should be enlightened to all current events concerning the scoping meeting and all environmental, safety and national security issues should be reviewed with each council member and all city employees and again with the general public. Eunice needs to know all the information not just that which is picked over. Thank you again for your time and effort devoted to the LES application, please do not rush through any of the necessary details that must be reviewed. In the end I hope that you will find that Louisiana Energy Services has no good business trying to build their white elephant in Eunice NM. Sincerely Yours, Rose Gardner
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