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Chairman Nils Diaz
US Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, D. C. 20555

RE: National Enrichment Facility in Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing to voice my support of the license application filed by Louisiana Energy Services (LES) to build and operate the National Enrichment Facility (NEF) in Lea County, New Mexico. This project is a great opportunity to enhance the economic diversity of this region and to strengthen our national energy security.

The construction and operation of this facility will create badly needed and comparatively high paying jobs in an area which continues to be heavily dependent upon the declining oil and natural gas extractive industry. This type of economic diversification is key to the long term economic health of this region.

I also believe nuclear energy is an important piece of our national energy future as we strive to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of energy. This facility will play an important role in our energy security by providing a competitive domestic source for our future nuclear fuel needs.

I believe LES has also adequately addressed the safety issues. The NEF will utilize the most advanced, energy efficient and cost effect technology for uranium enrichment known today. This technology has been used for over 30 years in Europe without problems.

LES has thus far demonstrated a willingness to be a good corporate citizen by communicating with the public with regard to their application. For all of these reasons, I urge the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to expeditiously process and approve the LES application for this necessary and important Project.

Sincerely,

Samuel S. Spencer Jr.
President & CEO

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