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Dear Mr. Lesar

We are writing in regards to the uranium enrichment plant being proposed in Hartsville, TN. This plan is being offered by Louisiana Energy Services. We are opposed to this plant.

There are several areas of serious concern. First is the way in which LES is offering this deal. There has been very little information given to the area residents and no real choice is being offered as to whether or not we want this plant. LES has asked for an exemption to some of the requirements for approval. There has been little opportunity for public discussion and information about critical dates. The Nov 1 deadline for public comment has not been circulated to the general population. We are first asking the NRC for an extension in this critical public comment period and that no exemptions to any of the licensing requirements or processes will be made to LES.

Second no environmental or any other impact statement must be overlooked. This is an area with a great deal of ground water and river drainage. It has been noted that the proposed site sits within the flood plain of the Cumberland River system. In the event of a major flood or some accident at a dam upstream there is no guarantee that the site will not be inundated. LES does not have a clear plan for the disposal of the tailings from this plant and there is some chance that the tailings may be stored here for an extended period of time.

The subject of the disposal of the waste products is a real area of concern. Who will be responsible for the cost of disposing of these toxic waste products? Clearly, the magnitude of the already existing problem of waste disposal is an issue that must be addressed. With tons of nuclear waste products already littering our great country, can we in good conscience allow more to be produced?

This last issue is by far the most serious. Until there is a **timetable mandated and action** toward cleaning up the many toxic waste piles that we already have, we need to exercise the utmost restraint in adding to this burden that we have lain upon the future generations.

Sincerely,

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