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Dear Mr. Lesar,

I request that these comments be added to the public comments on the Louisiana Energy Services "white papers".

It is truly shocking that the NRC is even reviewing this shameless effort to allow the intending license applicant to manipulate the licensing process in the company's interest without regard for the public interest at large.

The content of the white papers reveals that LES is asking for prejudgment on issue areas that have caused grave challenges in past applications and on issues that are immensely complicated and have required solid due diligence to make sound decisions in the past.

The bold submission of these memoranda is a shameless attempt on the part of LES to evade general public and regulatory agency investigation in areas the company itself knows it is vulnerable due to its own past activities.

The same issues raised by LES in the white papers itself are cause for grave concern. These weighty matters include: comparative environmental impact of a "no action" alternative, environmental justice, the investor's financial wherewithal, anti-trust concerns, issues regarding foreign ownership and control and the concerns over the final disposal of tailings. Express green-lighting of these proposals would render the NRC's licensing procedure to a hollow enterprise and reduce public confidence in a vital regulatory agency at a time when public confidence in private business is at an all time low.

Think of the present and future danger this precedent would set if the NRC allows LES to circumvent the licensing process in this fashion. It is hugely improper for the NRC to allow a perspective license applicant to define the parameters of licensing questions, in effect demanding a presumptive prejudgment in their favor without essential and exhaustive investigation. This action would violate the NRC's own licensing regulations, make a sham of the pretense of objectivity and would make it highly doubtful that the NRC Commissioners are indeed a dispassionate appeals body for the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board's actions.

The public comment period for these issues should be extended for at least another 90 days as the initial period is insufficient if meaningful public commentary is truly the goal of the NRC as there are two many extremely weighty issues to be dealt with in so short a period of time and the width and breadth of the most important questions raised are displayed by the surrounding controversy this proposed quick-time LES proposal brings forth.

Thank you for allowing a concerned citizen to comment on these most requisite challenges and may God himself guide your determinations.

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