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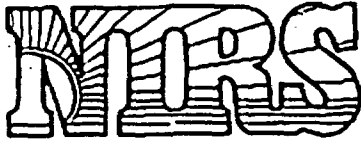
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Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.
Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield.
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

By FAX to the Secretary of the Commission 301-415-1672

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing with regard to a letter from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) dated December 20, 2002 on the subject of environmental justice (PAPER NUMBER: LTh-02-0830; LOGGING DATE: 12/26/2002)

We are adamantly opposed to NEI's position detailed in this letter, which is little more than a restatement of the failed arguments made by Louisiana Energy Services in their discredited and abandoned effort to build a uranium enrichment plant near Homer, Louisiana. We urge the NRC to not only reject NEI's position, but to strengthen the NRC's environmental justice policies.

We expect to prepare additional comments and legal analysis of the NEI position in the near future. We respectfully request that the NRC take no action on the NEI request.

Sincerely,


Michael Mariotte
Executive Director