

April 27, 2004

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SUBJECT: CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY REPORT FOR LOUISIANA ENERGY
SERVICES PROPOSED GAS CENTRIFUGE URANIUM ENRICHMENT
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J. Arteberry, Director of Environment, Comanche of Oklahoma
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