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**Telephone Conference Call Summary  
Louisiana Energy Services  
Proposed National Enrichment Facility  
Environmental Review Process**

Date/Time: May 14, 2004; 2:00 - 2:30pm

Call Participants:	M. Delligatti/NRC	D. Palmrose/ATL	D. Greene/LES
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During the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's review of the Louisiana Energy Services (LES) proposed National Enrichment Facility (NEF), the NRC staff determined that additional information would be necessary to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement that satisfies the requirements of 10 CFR Part 51.70. On April 30, 2004, the NRC staff transmitted the Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) to LES. A conference call was scheduled on May 14, 2004 to clarify several RAIs. These include:

(1) RAI 2.7c, Information on the Alternative sites: LES indicated that the description of the Eddy County site is accurate in the Environmental Report. LES stated that they would provide a map verifying the location of the Eddy County site.

(2) RAI 4.2d, Information on Water resources impacts: LES questioned whether the RAI meant that water or liquid would flow along the base or the top of the Chinle Formation. The NRC staff confirmed that the term "base" should be revised to "top".

(3) RAI 4.2e, Information on Water resources impacts: LES questioned whether the RAI addressed overflow of the site stormwater retention basin during normal or extreme conditions. The NRC staff indicated that this RAI was applicable to both normal and extreme conditions.

(4) RAI 4.4e, Information on Air quality impacts: LES questioned the designation of the emission rates. The NRC staff clarified that the RAI should be revised to "emission rates from the proposed NEF" and that information on site preparation and construction could be combined. LES indicated it would provide the information on the various phases.

In addition to clarifying the abovementioned RAIs, a few RAIs, specifically to RAIs 2-3 and 4.7g, were discussed to ensure that LES would adequately respond to the RAIs. The NRC staff expects to receive LES responses on May 21st.