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

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- 1) ER, Quantity of Fill: The ER states on Page 4.1-1 that the volume of fill material for the proposed site is approximately 322,000 cubic meters (m^3). On page 4.3-1, the volume of fill material was noted as 611,033 m^3 . LES confirmed that the quantity of soil would be 611,033 m^3 .
- 2) ER, Table 7.1-5: Expenditures listed in the ER Table 7.1-5 aggregate \$2,597,000 and not the \$9,457,000 as tabulated. LES representatives noted that the Table should include the cost of electricity for thirty megawatts (\$6,860,000). LES would incorporate this information in the next revision to the ER.
- 3) RAI Response, Table ER 3-5.2: In this RAI response, LES noted that tax revenue allocation to Lea County, New Mexico and Eunice would be made by the State of New Mexico and are not available at this time. While LES recognizes that it is the State of New Mexico's responsibility to determine the allocation, LES representatives committed to providing additional information on the tax allocation.
- 4) RAI Response, Table ER 7-1A.1: The NRC staff requested clarification on the salaries among skilled and semi-skilled workers in Table ER RAI 7-1A.1. LES representatives noted that the salaries listed in the Table are averages of many different professions including security-related positions and maintenance staff.
- 5) RAI Response, Table ER RAI 4-2A.1b: Based on information on the planned volume of the Treated Effluent Evaporative Basin (TEEB) and the water balance provided in the Table, if two large precipitation years occurred consecutively, there could be potential environmental impacts. LES representatives noted after the first large precipitation year they would have adequate time to enact compensatory measures (e.g., drain the TEEB).
- 6) RAI Response, 4-3: LES reiterated that a significant number of operational jobs would likely be filled by residents living within the region of influence. With training programs, LES would employ as many people in the local population as possible.