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ATL TEAM
PERSONAL COMMUNICATION NOTE

Date: 3/9/2004 Time: 11:00 AM Project Title: LES EIS for New Mexico
Between: Ms. Peg Sorensen OF: Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
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SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Ms. Sorensen is the BLM point of contact for the Louisiana Energy Services (LES) National Enrichment Facility (NEF) project. I called Ms. Sorensen to discuss the three alternative locations in New Mexico that LES has identified for the siting of the NEF.

The Carlsbad site (Section 24, Township 21S, Range 27E) is about 50% managed by the BLM and 50% privately owned. The Eddy County site (either Section 8 or 11 of Township 22S, Range 31E) is fully controlled by the BLM and the Lea County site (Section 32, Range 38E, Township 21S) is owned by the state of New Mexico.

Ms. Sorensen states that there are two steps required to transfer BLM land to a private individual or corporation. First – a complete environmental impact statement (EIS) is required for the site and Second - Federal regulations (43 CFR 2711.1-3) require that any BLM land currently leased or permitted cannot be sold until the lease or permit holder is given 2 years prior notification. BLM is willing to allow the NRC to prepare the EIS and they will support and act as a reviewer but Ms. Sorensen said they normally take 6 to 12 months for any EIS review. In addition, the Eddy County site is currently leased for grazing range cattle thus; it cannot be sold to LES for at least 2 years. This 2-year period can be waved by the lease holder or it may run concurrently with preparation and review of the EIS, but it could delay the start of construction of the facility and does downgrade the MUA ranking of the Eddy County site.

The Lea County site is owned and controlled by the State of New Mexico. This makes it exempt from BLM involvement. State law requires detailed legislative action for any land sale but they can lease the land to LES with only the Governor's approval. This easy transfer makes the LEA County site preferable to LES.

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