

October 28, 2004

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(SAME LETTER SENT TO THE ATTACHED ADDRESSES)

SUBJECT: LETTER IN SUPPORT OF LOUISIANA ENERGY SERVICES PROJECT

Dear Mr. Pipes:

This is in response to your undated letter to Chairman Nils Diaz in which you expressed support for the proposed Louisiana Energy Services (LES) gas centrifuge uranium enrichment plant in Eunice, New Mexico.

Part of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) mission is to license and regulate the civilian use of nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of the public health and safety, and the environment. We want to assure you that NRC is committed to reviewing the LES application in accordance with its mission. For more information on NRC's licensing review activities associated with the LES facility, please visit the following NRC website:

<http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/lesfacility.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-415-7299.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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