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Enrichment Facility Proposed by Louisiana Energy Services for Lea County, NM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my public comments for review regarding NUREG-1790. I am concerned with sections 4.2.8.2 and 4.2.8.3 relating to Employment and Economic Activity. The EIS states that the NEF would have a moderate impact on the socioeconomics in Lea, Andrews, and Gaines Counties. However, 60% of the workforce is expected to come from outside this area of influence, which will, therefore, influence the 1% figure stated by the EIS.

The EIS also states that educational programs with local colleges would develop a pool of qualified workers, but I am not aware of any partnership or talks between LES and the local colleges. I also doubt that our local colleges have the ability to train people in sensitive nuclear materials handling and uranium enrichment processes.

I request that the final EIS go into further detail regarding the employment generated by the NEF and workforce training.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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