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

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting my comments for consideration regarding the EIS for the proposed NEF facility to be built in Lea County, New Mexico. The EIS states that Envirocare in the state of Utah and U.S. Ecology in the state of Washington are two potential sites to ship the triuranium octaoxide, a byproduct of the uranium enrichment process. The EIS does not indicate that negotiations between LES and Envirocare or U.S. Ecology are underway or being sought. Clearly, without the consent and cooperation of one of the two facilities, no viable waste disposal option currently exists. The State of New Mexico and the citizens of Lea County have repeatedly requested that the NRC license not be granted until viable waste solution options are presented. I ask that the final EIS statement look into the question of waste disposal further to ensure there are viable options.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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