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Dear Sir:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carlsbad Field Office appreciates the opportunity to provide the following comment regarding the Draft Report for Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed National Enrichment Facility in Lea County, New Mexico.

BLM Staff have concerns regarding the discussion of the seismic potential (section 3). A study by Hills in 1996 differs in its conclusions regarding tectonic earthquake potential in the area of the proposed National Enrichment Facility. BLM staff suggest that analysis of the potential for earthquakes be discussed in the environmental analysis (section 4) and opportunities for mitigation of potential earthquake activity be addressed.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment and if you have questions or desire clarification regarding this information please contact Peg Sorensen of our office at (505) 234-5983. Please allow the BLM to continue being involved in this process.

Sincerely,

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