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Chairman Nils Diaz
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory
Office of Public Affairs
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Chairman Diaz,

I am writing again in support of Louisiana Energy Services' (LES) efforts of obtain a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the proposed National Enrichment Facility (NEF) outside Eunice, New Mexico.

Lea County is very excited about the NEF. The oil and gas industry has supported Lea County and the State of New Mexico for over 75 years. My constituents know the pitfalls of the economic swings in oil and gas. It is time to diversify!

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was very positive for the NEF. I am glad the report found what I already knew - the NEF will have a minimal environmental impact of this region and a positive socioeconomic impact, particularly with respect to jobs and revenue added to the local economy.

The LES has shown itself to be a good corporate citizen by contributing to local organizations that benefit the people of Southeast New Mexico as well as always keeping us informed and educated about the process. The Draft EIS just confirms the NEF is really a safe and environmentally sound project.

I support the NEF and hope their licensing process continues to go smoothly so we in Lea County can begin making plans for a future that includes the NEF.

Sincerely,

Carroll H. Leavell

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