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

Dear Chairman Diaz:

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed National Enrichment Facility in Eunice, New Mexico.

As a life-long resident of New Mexico, I understand what it is like to have to rely on the oil and gas industry for a source of revenue. My husband and I were able to raise a family here, and I continue to watch my family grow as two of my five children chose to stay here in Eunice as they raise their families. But the oilfield industry is presently unpredictable, so as our citizens grow they are forced to move where more job opportunities are available.

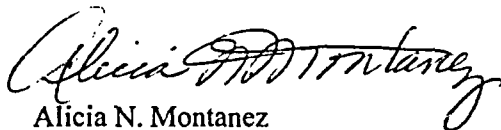
I was given the opportunity to visit the Urenco Nederland B.V. facility in Almelo. The site was impressive and was no different from the surrounding countryside. I visited with local citizens about the plant and did not encounter a single person who had negative comments about the Urenco plant or its operation.

After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, it only reassured me of what I knew to be true. It stated there would be no significant impact on our land, water or air. It also affirmed there would be an increase in employment which I know would lead to new-housing construction, but more importantly an increase in school enrollment in our area. We are proud that our educational institutions are some of the best in our state and the new students would enable us to continue to challenge the children of this area.

With family still in Eunice, I have no problem supporting the Louisiana Energy Services' application to operate the National Enrichment Facility in our hometown. With the offer to diversify our economy, I will support this effort. The anticipated growth in our community is welcomed along with all of the positive effects associated with it. The National Enrichment Facility will be beneficial to our schools, our city, our country, and to all of our Land of Enchantment.

Thank you kindly for your time and consideration of this proposed facility.


Sincerely,



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