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**Subject:** Feedback from LES Visit with Commissioner McGaffigan

Heather Astwood asked via an e-mail that I call her concerning this subject. During our conversation, she relayed the following:

- The Commissioner wanted to make sure that we were aware of the provisions in the Energy Bill associated with gas centrifuge. I told her that we were and were currently evaluating the impacts.
- The Commissioner is fully supportive of the staff to meet the schedule required in the bill, including providing the necessary resources. He considers HLW to the first priority and gas centrifuge as second.
- Regarding the requirement in the bill to report to Congress bimonthly, the Commissioner recommends that we use the monthly report to Congress.
- LES mentioned the use of a steering committee, similar to that used for reactor license renewal, to review technical issues. LES is watching the MOX review and has concerns that some technical issues could not be raised to the appropriate level and resolved in a timely fashion.
- LES is aware of the security issues and is working them into their application. She asked me how we are handling this. I reminded her that the Commission issued an SRM specifically on this subject. Basically, once we receive the application, we will provide LES a copy of the Cat III ICM order for their information and inform them that we will review the application against the current regulations and at the time of license issuance issue an order if necessary based on the current threat.
- LES informed the Commissioner that all partnerships are complete and that they will have in place by December long term contracts for 54% of their income for the first 10 years. They also stated that they are considering converting and disposing the DU themselves since they believe they can do it cheaper than what DOE would charge them.

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