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Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, Chairperson
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The Honorable Judges: Thomas Moore,
Richard F. Cole and Frederick J. Shone
US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 0555-0001

Dear Commissioners and Judges:

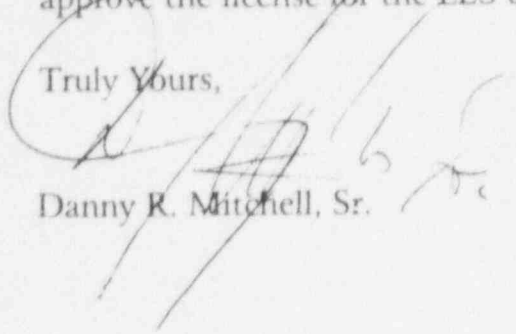
As a state legislator who is concerned about the quality of the environment for all citizens of all citizens of the state of Louisiana, I am gravely concerned about the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's possible approval of the license application for Louisiana Energy Services' proposed uranium enrichment facility.

Louisiana has the third highest rate of toxic emissions in the United States, roughly five times the national average. The waste generated from the LES facility would contribute significantly to this already alarming toxic inventory. Furthermore, the siting of the uranium enrichment facility between the two low-income African-American communities of Forest Grove and Center Springs is a clear injustice and must be stopped.

I am further concerned that LES is not financially qualified to construct and operate this proposed facility. I do not believe that LES has properly calculated the cost of tails disposal and ultimately will not have the necessary funds for such disposal. Thus, Louisiana may well be left liable for the disposal of the uranium tailings from the facility, an unacceptable possibility. Additionally, the enriched uranium that would be produced by this facility is totally unnecessary. The market is already glutted with enriched uranium and will continue to be for many years to come.

In short, neither the Forest Grove and Center Springs communities nor the people of Louisiana want the uranium enrichment facility. I urge you to carefully consider all the profound environmental justice implications of your pending decision and decide not to approve the license for the LES uranium enrichment facility.

Truly Yours,


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