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NRC PRESIDING OFFICER SCHEDULES CONFERENCE IN SEQUOYAH FUELS LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEEDING

A Presiding Officer of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a status conference on November 17 in Bethesda, MD, in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceeding involving an application by Sequoyah Fuels Corporation for renewal of a license for its uranium processing plant near Gore, OK.

The conference will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the NRC Public Hearing Room, Fifth Floor, 4350 East-West Highway.

Sequoyah Fuels processes refined uranium ores (yellowcake) to produce uranium hexafluoride (UF6), one step in manufacturing reactor fuel for commercial nuclear power plants.

The purpose of the conference is to obtain detailed, complete and timely information on schedules in the license renewal application process to determine whether the proceeding can be accelerated.

Participants in the conference will be counsel and officials for the licensee, the NRC staff, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, the intervenor in the proceeding.

The Presiding Officer in the proceeding is an Administrative Judge from the NRC's Atomic Safety & Licensing Board Panel, James P. Gleason.