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NRC LICENSING BOARD SETS PREHEARING CONFERENCE
IN SEQUOYAH FUELS PROCEEDING

The presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has scheduled a prehearing conference on January 19 in Bethesda, Maryland, in a Nuclear Regulatory Commission proceeding involving a NRC staff order imposing decontamination and decommissioning funding conditions for Sequoyah Fuels Corporation's (SFC) Gore, Oklahoma facility.

The conference will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the NRC Hearing Room, Fifth Floor, 4350 East West Highway.

Sequoyah Fuels and General Atomics (GA), SFC's parent corporation, requested a hearing regarding the NRC staff order issued October 15, 1993. GA and SFC were ordered to be jointly and separately responsible for providing funding for the cleanup and decommissioning of the Gore uranium conversion facility. In February 1993, SFC notified the NRC of its decision to terminate production activities at the facility. GA is to provide financial assurance for decommissioning and decontamination in the amount of \$86 million.

At the conference, the Board will consider appropriate issues for litigation, discovery, and the timing and location of any evidentiary hearing.

Members of the Licensing Board are the following Administrative Judges from the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel: James P. Gleason, Chairman; G. Paul Bollwerk, III, and Jerry R. Kline.

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