



Oklahoma Archeological Survey

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Thomas H. Essig, Chief
Environmental & Performance Assessment Branch
Division of Waste Management
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
Nuclear Energy Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Re: Proposed decommissioning of the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation Facility near
Gore. Legal Description: Section 21 T12N R21E, Sequoyah County,
Oklahoma.

Dear Mr. Essig:

I have completed an evaluation of the above referenced undertaking. A review of the site files maintained by this agency revealed that there is one previously recorded archaeological site near the plant site. This is 34SQ25, the Cemetery Site, located in the NW1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 21. SQ25 is reportedly just west of the Sequoyah Fuels Plant fence on Corps of Engineers property. The Cemetery site contains prehistoric as well as probable historic Cherokee materials and has potential eligibility to the National Register. Based on the location of the site, it is unlikely that contamination has affected the site. The area where contamination hazards may be higher - in the northeastern and northern portion of Section 21, we have no information pertaining to the existence of archaeological resources. Furthermore, the extensive disturbance of the processing area makes it unlikely that undisturbed resources would be present.

I have no objection to decommissioning of the Sequoyah Fuels Plant. However, consultation should also be accomplished with the various indigenous and removal tribes that hold an interest with these lands. This review has been conducted in cooperation with the State Historic Preservation Office, Oklahoma Historical Society.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Brooks
State Archaeologist

Cc: SHPO