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December 5, 2002

Mr. John H. Ellis
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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER 12, 2002 MEETING

Dear Mr. Ellis:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.M. Gillen", is written over a horizontal line.

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Office of Nuclear Material Safety
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Docket No. 40-8027
License No. SUB-1010

Enclosure: Meeting Summary

cc: K. Burch, Oklahoma Attorney General's Office
A. Gutterman, Morgan Lewis

Sequoyah Fuels Meeting Summary

Date/Time of Meeting: November 12, 2002, 1:00 p.m. EST

Location of Meeting: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Two White Flint North
Room T2B-5
and
Tulsa, OK via video conference

Attendees: Attachment 1

Summary

The meeting was held at the request of Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) to discuss forthcoming license amendment requests and supporting documents relating to its uranium conversion facility in Gore, Oklahoma. Prior to the meeting, SFC had provided, by e-mail, an agenda, a conceptual schedule, and a map of well locations (attachment 2).

The Commission, in SRM-02-0095, agreed that much of the waste at the SFC facility could be classified as byproduct material as defined in section 11e.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act. As a result, SFC, on September 30, 2002, requested a license amendment to possess 11e.(2) byproduct material. The staff is currently reviewing that request. After the license is amended, SFC will submit to NRC a site reclamation plan, a ground water monitoring plan, and a ground water corrective action plan conforming to the requirements, in Appendix A of Part 40, for 11e.(2) byproduct material sites. SFC requested the meeting to discuss administrative, organizational, and general technical aspects of the documents it will be submitting and the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that NRC is preparing.

SFC discussed the reclamation plan it will be submitting and stated that it will follow the format of NUREG-1620, "Standard Review Plan...." Staff suggested that if SFC references previously submitted documents, it include those documents in appendices to the reclamation plan, so that the entire reclamation plan will be in one document. SFC stated that the cell cover design has been revised from that proposed previously. Rather than a rock armor protected cell, SFC will propose to use a vegetated thick soil cover. SFC intends to submit the reclamation plan by the end of 2002.

SFC stated that there are 52 ground water monitoring wells called for in its current license, although additional monitoring wells are used. SFC stated that it is considering proposing to eliminate some wells and install some new wells. SFC stated that it will submit a revised ground water monitoring plan to NRC early next year.

Ground water corrective action was discussed. SFC stated that it will actively treat ground water in the perched zone but will apply for alternate concentration limits for the deeper ground water.

The development of the EIS was discussed. NRC staff was developing a draft EIS for the decommissioning plan previously submitted by SFC in compliance with the License Termination Rule. With SFC's change of status to an 11e.(2) byproduct material facility and the need for SFC to submit a reclamation plan and ground water plans in compliance with Appendix A of

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10 CFR 40, work on the EIS has been delayed. Staff must await the submittal of those plans in order to incorporate the information into the EIS. NRC stated that it could not prepare a schedule for completion of the EIS until it receives those plans and assesses the changes that must be made to the current draft of the EIS. Alternate disposal sites and their inclusion in the EIS were also discussed.

The meeting concluded at 2:45 pm.

Attachments:

1. Meeting attendance list
2. SFC provided material

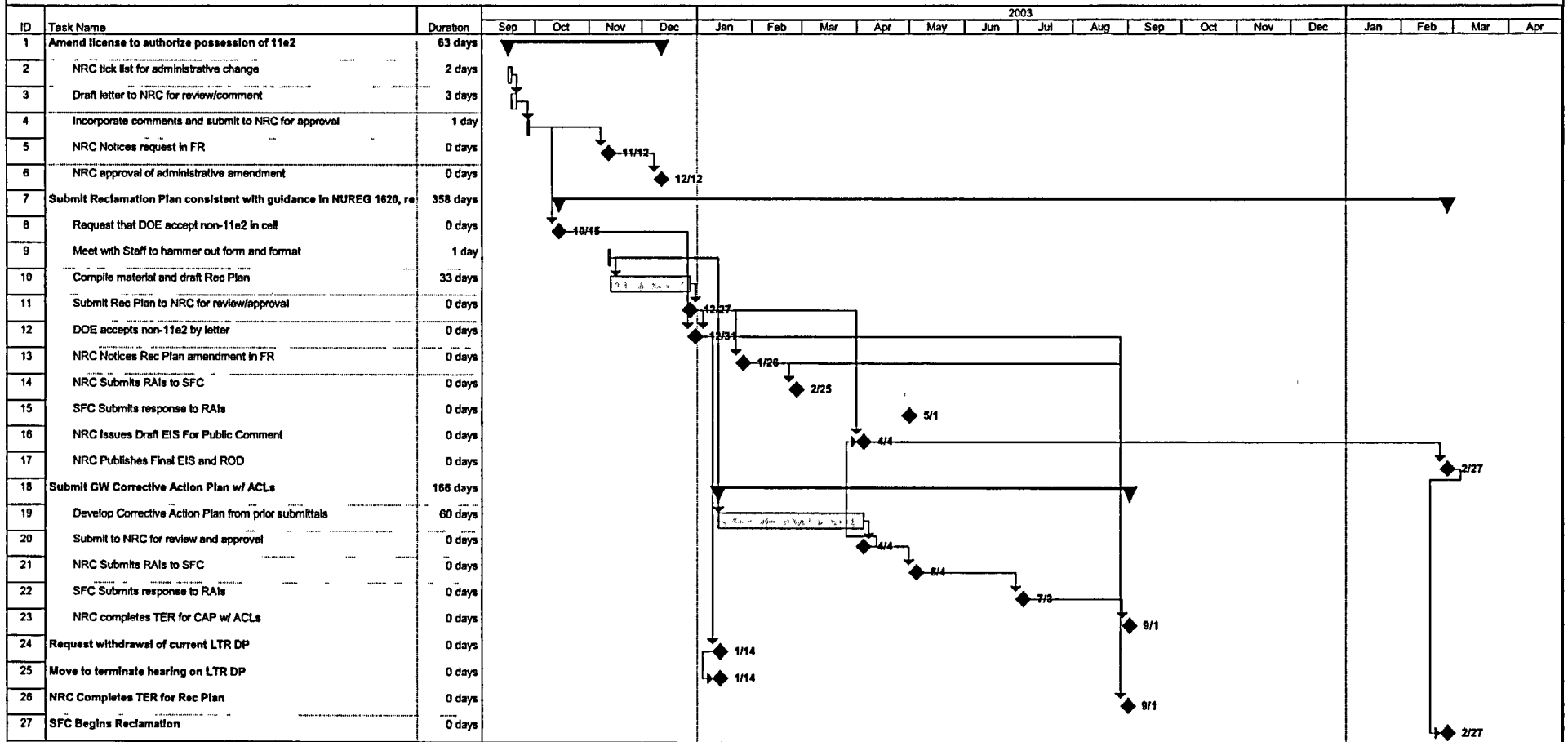
Sequoyah Fuels Corp. Public Meeting
Video Conference
November 12, 2002
Attendance List

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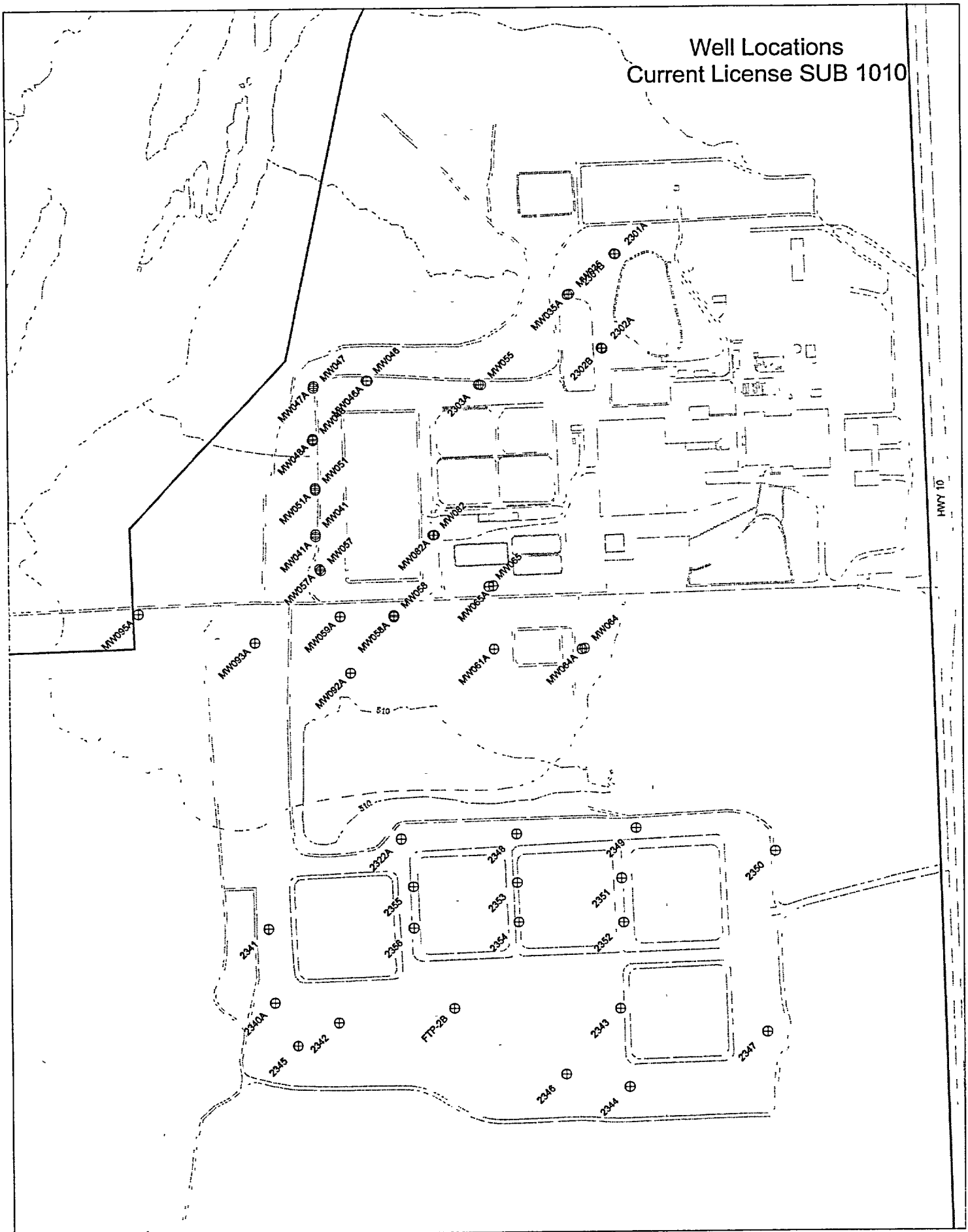
Agenda
Meeting on SFC Reclamation and Ground Water Cleanup
November 12, 2002

- I. Introductions
- II. Reclamation Plan Format and Content
 - A. Use NUREG1620 as guide
 - B. Use DP as much as possible
 - C. Use of references vs. incorporating material
 - 1. New Cell Design Report
 - 2. Previous studies
 - D. Schedule
- III. Groundwater Monitoring Plan
 - A. Current program
 - B. Proposed program
 - C. Well abandonment/plugging
- IV. Groundwater Corrective Action Plan
 - A. What has already been done
 - B. Planned actions
 - C. Likely will lead to ACL application
- V. EIS Schedule

Conceptual Schedule



Well Locations
Current License SUB 1010



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