

November 13, 2003

SUBJECT: ISSUANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESCOPING SUMMARY REPORT RELATED TO THE INTENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE RECLAMATION OF THE SEQUOYAH FUELS CORPORATION FACILITY

TO DISTRIBUTION LIST:

On May 13, 2003, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held a public scoping meeting to discuss the status of the environmental review of reclamation activities at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) facility near Gore, Oklahoma, and to obtain public comments on the scope of environmental impacts to be addressed in an environmental impact statement. Environmental impacts were discussed in light of the recent decision to reclassify some of the material at the site.

The NRC staff has prepared the enclosed Environmental Rescoping Summary Report identifying comments received at the May 13, 2003 environmental rescoping meeting. In addition to receiving comments at the public meeting, the staff accepted written public comments through June 30, 2003. Comments received after this date were considered to the extent possible in preparing the rescoping summary report. The rescoping summary report describes the scoping process and discusses the significant issues and concerns raised. It also discusses the scope of the environmental impact statement, including options for disposing of contaminated material at the site (either in an on-site cell or at an off-site, licensed facility). The NRC will develop the environmental impact statement to evaluate the potential impacts, including environmental costs and benefits, of the licensee's reclamation proposal. The environmental impact statement will include an assessment of impacts from other remedial options, such as disposing of the contaminated material off-site in a licensed disposal facility.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.29(b), you are being provided a copy of the rescoping summary report. The report is available for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland; or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) under accession number ML033170349. A copy of the meeting transcript is also available at ML031710448. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

The next step in the environmental review process is the issuance of a draft environmental impact statement. The notice of the availability of the draft environmental impact statement and the procedures for providing comments will be published in an upcoming Federal Register notice. A copy of the draft environmental impact statement will be provided to you.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the Rescoping Summary Report, please contact Melanie Wong at (301) 415-6262 or Christine Schulte at (301) 415-6698.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Rescoping Summary Report

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