

December 6, 2004

Mr. Michael Broderick  
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
REGARDING SEQUOYAH FUELS CORPORATION'S REQUEST FOR  
AUTHORIZATION OF A RAFFINATE SLUDGE DEWATERING PROJECT

Dear Mr. Broderick:

On January 7, 2004, Sequoyah Fuels Corporation submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), a request for authorization to dewater raffinate sludges and temporarily store the dewatered sludge on site before final disposition. The NRC is currently reviewing this request and has drafted an Environmental Assessment (EA) to address this action. Approval of this request would result in an amendment to Source Materials License SUB-1010.

Our staff is reviewing the request for compliance with the requirements of Title 10 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 40 and 51. In accordance with both the NRC and Federal guidance, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality was offered an opportunity to review the draft EA and you indicated by phone that you wanted to do so. A copy of the draft EA is enclosed. Please note that the document contains pre-decisional information which should not be disclosed without prior NRC permission.

If you have any comments regarding the draft EA, please provide them within 30 days from the date of this letter. If you require additional information, please contact the project manager, Myron Fliegel, at 301-415-6629 or via email to [mhf1@nrc.gov](mailto:mhf1@nrc.gov).

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Sincerely,

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