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NRC CONSIDERS AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR CLOSED OKLAHOMA PLANT; OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO REQUEST A HEARING

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering a request from Sequoyah Fuels Corp. to amend the license for its former uranium processing plant near Gore, Okla., and is offering an opportunity for affected persons to request a hearing.

From 1970 to 1993, the Sequoyah Fuels facility was used to convert uranium oxide (yellowcake) to uranium hexafluoride, a step in the production of nuclear reactor fuel. From 1987 to 1993, the facility was also used to convert depleted uranium hexafluoride to depleted uranium tetrafluoride. During this operational period, Sequoyah Fuels disposed of radioactive material on site in accordance with NRC regulations in effect at the time.

Since cessation of operations, the site owner has been interacting with the NRC regarding final cleanup options, and the NRC has held public meetings in Gore to discuss the situation.

In response to a request from Sequoyah Fuels the NRC concluded on July 25 of this year that some of the waste at the Sequoyah Fuels site could properly be classified as 11e.(2) material under the Atomic Energy Act. On September 30, Sequoyah Fuels requested that its license be amended to permit possession of 11e.(2) material.

Any person whose interest may be affected by the application for an amendment may file a request for a hearing. It should be filed by December 16 (30 days after publication of a Federal Register notice on this subject on November 14) with the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch. Because of continuing disruptions in the delivery of mail to U.S. Government offices, requests for a hearing should also be transmitted to the Secretary either by fax to: 301/415-1101, or by email to: hearingdocket@nrc.gov. The Federal Register notice lists other organizations that must receive copies of the request and provides details on what must be included in any request for a hearing.

Copies of the application for an amendment and related documentation are available from the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md. 20555, telephone: 301/415-4737 or 1/800-397-4209, or on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html> . Help in using the web site reading room is available from the Public Document Room at the above phone numbers.

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