

Docket 40-8027
License SUB-1010

MAY 27 1993

Mr. John Dietrich, Vice President
Technical Services
Sequoyah Fuels Corporation
P. O. Box 610
Gore, Oklahoma 74435

Dear Mr. Dietrich:

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY PLAN WITHDRAWAL (TAC NO. L21692)

This letter acknowledges your March 30, 1993, letter withdrawing your Emergency Plan approval request. The Emergency Plan was originally submitted March 30, 1990, and revised May 18, 1990, July 20, 1990, and June 2, 1992. The staff agrees that it would be impractical to implement a new emergency plan at this time since Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) is ceasing production operations. Therefore, the staff has terminated its review of your Emergency Plan. SFC will be expected to comply with its approved Contingency Plan.

SFC has also requested an exemption from the biennial exercise requirement contained in the current Contingency Plan (Plan). The rationale SFC provides for this request is that SFC, in essence, satisfied the intent of the exercise requirement when facility personnel responded to the November 17, 1992, chemical release and that it is inadvisable to use limited resources to conduct the drill. SFC believes the request will not compromise the Plan's effectiveness. The staff agrees that SFC need not conduct the biennial exercise for the following reasons. Since SFC has already terminated uranium hexafluoride operations, the accident potential is considerably reduced. SFC will also cease uranium tetrafluoride operations no later than July 31, 1993, further reducing the accident potential. Therefore, the staff finds SFC's request to be reasonable and accordingly grants the exemption from the biennial exercise requirement in the Plan.

Sincerely,
Original Signed By:
Charles W. Emeigh, Acting Chief
Licensing Branch
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety
and Safeguards, NMSS

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