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LICENSEE: Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC)
FACILITY: Sequoyah Facility
Gore, Oklahoma
SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT, AMENDMENT APPLICATION DATED
SEPTEMBER 7, 1990, RE RADIOLOGICAL CONTINGENCY PLAN,
REVISION NO. 9

Background

SFC is required to submit a license amendment application when changes in the Sequoyah Facility Radiological Contingency Plan (Plan) decrease the response effectiveness of the Plan. By amendment application dated September 7, 1990, SFC submitted Revision No. 9 to the Plan.

Discussion

In the subject application, SFC proposes to change the frequency for onsite emergency exercises from annual to biennial. The staff considers the change to be a decrease in the response effectiveness of the Plan. However, the change is consistent with the recently promulgated 10 CFR 40.31 requirements regarding emergency preparedness for major fuel cycle facilities.

Conclusion/Recommendation

Based on the above discussion, the staff concludes that the amendment can be issued without undue risk to the health and safety of the employees, the general public, or the environment. Therefore, the staff recommends that the license be amended to reference the revised Plan.

The Region IV Principal Inspector has no objection to this proposed action.

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