

DEC 09 1993

Diane Curran, Esq.  
6935 Laurel Ave. Suite 204  
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Ms. Curran:

Your October 21, 1993 letter to me expressed concern about sampling of off-site areas potentially contaminated by operations at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) facility near Gore, Oklahoma. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is committed to ensuring that licensees conduct complete and accurate characterization of all radiological contamination related to licensed activities. Therefore, SFC is obliged to demonstrate how they propose to sample all potentially contaminated areas surrounding the site as part of the Site Characterization Plan (SCP), which was submitted to the NRC by letter dated January 31, 1994. Your concern will be addressed during our review of that SCP. Before NRC approval of the Plan, SFC must present an adequate sampling plan of both affected and unaffected areas. NUREG/CR-5849, Manual for Conducting Radiological Surveys in Support of License Termination, is the guidance the staff uses as the basis for review of site characterization plans.

I trust this answers your immediate concern. We look forward to fruitful discussions of the concerns of the Native Americans for a Clean Environment (NACE) about remediation of this site.

Sincerely,

John H. Austin, Chief  
Decommissioning and Regulatory  
Issues Branch  
Division of Low-Level Waste Management  
and Decommissioning  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

cc: Maurice Axelrad, Esq.  
Brita Haugland-Cantrell, Esq.  
James Wilcoxon, Esq.  
Allyn Davis

DISTRIBUTION: Docket No. 40-8027 NRC File Center JCallan, RIV  
SGagner, OPA NMSS R/F Region IV LLWM R/F  
Suttal, OGC JGreeves M Vasquez, RIV TCJohnson  
RNelson

\*SEE PREVIOUS CONCURRENCE

OFC	LLDR*	LLDR	LLDR*	OGC*
NAME	JShepherd	JCopeland	LEll	RFonner
DATE	01/28/94	/ /94	01/03 /94	02/04/94

OFC	RIV*	LLDR	
NAME	CCAIN	JAUSTIN	
DATE	01/28/94	2/9/94	/ /94

S:\LLWMTYPE\CECILIA\cur-samp.jcs - OFFICIAL RECORD COPY  
PDR: YES  NO  Category: Proprietary  or CF Only   
ACNW: YES  NO   
IG: YES  NO  Delete file after distribution: Yes  No

NH 7/10

9402250081 931209  
PDR ADOCK 04008027  
C PDR

NRC FILE CENTER COPY

delete - Acked

Diane Curran, Esq.  
 6935 Laurel Ave. Suite 204  
 Takoma Park, MD 20912

Dear Ms. Curran:

Your October 21, 1993 letter to me expressed concern about sampling of off-site areas potentially contaminated by operations at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) facility near Gore, Oklahoma. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is committed to ensuring that licensees conduct complete and accurate characterization of all radiological contamination related to licensed activities. Therefore, SFC is obliged to demonstrate how they propose to sample all potentially contaminated areas surrounding the site as part of the Site Characterization Plan (SCP), which is due to be submitted to the NRC by the end of January, 1994. Your concern will be addressed during our review of that SCP. Before NRC approval of the plan, SFC must present an adequate sampling plan of both affected and unaffected areas. NUREG/CR-5849, Manual for Conducting Radiological Surveys in Support of License Termination, is the guidance the staff uses as the basis for review of site characterization plans.

I trust this answers your immediate concern. We look forward to fruitful discussions of the concerns of the Native Americans for a Clean Environment (NACE) about remediation of this site.

Sincerely,

John H. Austin, Chief  
 Decommissioning and Regulatory  
 Issues Branch  
 Division of Low-Level Waste Management  
 and Decommissioning  
 Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
 and Safeguards

cc: Maurice Axelrad, Esq.  
 Brita Haugland-Cantrell, Esq.  
 James Wilcoxon, Esq.  
 Allyn Davis

DISTRIBUTION: Docket No. 40-8027 NRC File Center JCallan, RIV  
 SGagner, OPA NMSS R/F Region IV LLWM R/F  
 Suttal, OGC JGreeves M Vasquez, RIV TCJohnson

OFC	LLDR	LLDR	LLDR	LLWM
NAME	JShepherd	JCopeland	LBell	R. Tanner
DATE	1/13/94	1/13/94	1/13/94	2/4/94

OFC	OGC	RIV	LLDR	LLWM
NAME	Suttal	JGreeves	JAustin	
DATE	1/13/94	1/13/94	1/13/94	1/13/94

S:\LLWMTYPE\CECILIA\cur-samp.jcs - OFFICIAL RECORD COPY

PDR: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Category: Proprietary \_\_\_ or CF Only \_\_\_  
 ACNW: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_  
 IG: YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_ Delete file after distribution: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_