

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20655

December 29, 1992

Docket No. 40-8027 License No. SUB-1010

Sequoyah Fuels Corporation ATTN: Mr. James J. Sheppard, President P. O. Box 610 Gore, Oklahoma 74435

General Atomics ATTN: Mr. J. Neal Blue, President and Chief Executive Officer P.O. Box 85608 San Diego, California 92186-9784

Gentlemen:

We appreciate your presentation regarding future activities at the Gore, Oklahoma facility, at the public meeting of the Commission on December 21, 1992. The discussion served to clarify a number of matters raised ir your letter of November 23, 1992.

Nevertheless, because of the recent decisions by General Atomics and Sequoyah Fuels Corporation, and uncertainties with respect to the nature of and funding assurance for sits remediation and decommissioning, I have issued the enclosed Demand for Information, requiring that specified information be provided by February 16, 1993. In so doing, I have considered the information provided to the Commission in your letter of November 23, 1992, as well as at the public meeting on December 21, 1992. The schedule for responding to the Demand takes into account the decision making that you informed us is underway. To assure prompt compliance with NRC requirements that timely and appropriate actions are taken to protect the health and safety of the public and with due regard for the environment, we are taking this action.

In light of representations made on behalf of General Atomics and Sequoyah Fuels at the December 21 Commission meeting, it is recognized that in responding to the Demand for Information, you may wish to include information that you claim to be of a proprietary and confidential nature such that it should be withheld from public disclosure. While we are, of course, prepared to receive and discuss proprietary information in response to the Demand for Information, it is requested that you maximize the extent to which the information provided can be made publicly available without the encumbrance of protective agreements. Subsequent meetings with the NRC that include a discussion of proprietary information will include an opportunity for those

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You have also informed us that you are engaged in efforts to resolve a number of issues raised by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding the Gore site. Accordingly, in responding to the enclosed Demand, please discuss the extent to which such actions that you are taking to address the EPA concerns might also satisfy NRC requirements so as to avoid needlessly duplicative actions.

I trust that the interest in continuing site remediation and decommissioning which you expressed at the December 21 meeting will help assure that our mutual objective can be achieved on a timely basis.

In accordance with Section 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Part 2, Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, a copy of this letter will be place in the NRC Public Document Room.

Sincerely,

James M. Taylor Executive Director for Operations

Enclosure: As stated

cc w/encl.: Maurice Axelrad, Esg. Diane Curran, Esg. Brita Haugland-Cantrell, Esg. James Wilcoxen, Esg. Allyn M. Davis

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