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DOCKET NO: 40-8027
LICENSE NO: SUB-1010
LICENSEE: Sequoyah Fuels Corporation
FACILITY: Sequoyah Facility, Gore, Oklahoma
SUBJECT: SAFETY EVALUATION REPORT FOR LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST
DATED APRIL 22, 1987

I. Introduction

By letter dated April 22, 1987, Sequoyah Fuels Corporation requested an amendment to Source Materials License No. SUB-1010 to authorize additional time for the completion of a report describing the notification provisions required by License Condition No. 38. The submittal date for the notification provisions set by Condition No. 38 is April 25, 1987.

II. Discussion

Condition No. 38 of Source Materials License SUB-1010 requires that "Within one month following issuance of this amendment, the licensee shall ascertain whether all residences within a 2 mile radius of the facility have telephones. The licensee shall submit for NRC approval, provisions to notify any residences that do not have telephones."

In the amendment application, the licensee stated that an extension of the deadline for the submittal is necessary to allow its consultant agency to complete a survey of the area and prepare and evaluate a report describing provisions to notify any residences within 2 miles of the facility that do not have telephones. The licensee indicated that the consultant is now reviewing and confirming the preliminary survey results. The licensee also stated that the report will include a detailed siren performance evaluation.

Through telephone discussions, the licensee informed staff that 10 residences within the 2 mile radius do not have telephones. The licensee indicated that the 10 residences are either located adjacent to a residence that does have a telephone or they can be notified through the facility emergency siren system. Since the licensee has indicated that they will be relying on the facility emergency siren system to provide notification to the 10 identified residences, the staff considers it crucial that either the licensee's contractor or representatives of each of the 10 identified residences verify, during one of the monthly siren tests, that operation of the facility emergency siren system can be adequately identified (heard) at each of the 10 identified residences.

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An extension of the deadline will neither affect the current conditions of occupational, public, or environmental safety at the facility nor change the basis of Condition 38 as stated in the Safety Evaluation Report dated March 25, 1987. An extension of the licensee's deadline is in the public interest since the resulting notification provisions will include a verification of the facility emergency siren system at each of the 10 identified residences.

III. Conclusions and Recommendations

The staff recommends that Source Materials License No. SUB-1010 be amended in accordance with the amendment request dated April 22, 1987, to extend the required submittal date to May 25, 1987, for the notification provisions described in License Condition No. 38. Accordingly, the staff recommends that Condition 38 be revised to read as follows:

38. The licensee shall by May 25, 1987, ascertain whether all residences within a 2 mile radius of the facility have telephones. The licensee shall submit for NRC approval, provisions to notify any residences that do not have telephones.

Since the proposed action is to change the reporting requirement for the licensee to submit notification provisions, neither an Environmental Assessment nor an Environmental Impact Statement is required in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10)(ii).

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