

U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF

INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST

FOIA-86-61

RESPONSE TYPE

PARTIAL

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REQ	Ms. Midori Higuchi			
	PART I RECORDS RELEASED OR NOT LOCATED (See	checked boxes		
1	No agency records subject to the request have been located.			
	No additional agency records subject to the request have been located.			
	Agency records subject to the request that are identified in Appendix are already available 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC	e for public inspection and copying in the NRC Public Document Roo		
X	Agency records subject to the request that are identified in Appendix are being made available for public inspection and copying in the NRC Public Docum. Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC, in a folder under this FOIA number and requester name.			
	The nonproprietary version of the proposal(s) that you agreed to accept in a talephone conversation with a member of my staff is now being made available for public inspects and coying at the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC, in a folder under this FOIA number and requester name.			
	Enclosed is information on how you may obtain access to and the charges for copying records placed in the NRC Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, N.W., Washington, D			
	Agency records subject to the request are enclosed. Any applicable charge for copies of the records provided and payment procedures are noted in the comments section.			
	Records subject to the request have been referred to another Federal agency(ies) for review and direct response to you.			
	In view of NRC's response to this request, no further action is being taken on appeal letter dated			
	PART II.A - INFORMATION WITHHELD FROM PUBLIC	DISCLOSURE		
X	Certain information in the requested records is being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to the FOIA etions B, C, and D. Any released portions of the documents for which only part of the record is being withhet he	eld are being made available for public inspection and copying in		

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PART II.B - APPLICABLE FOIA EXEMPTIONS			
Records subject to the request that are described in the enclosed Appendices	Cardo	are being withheld in their entirety or in part under FOIA	

Exemptions and for the reasons set forth below pursuant to 5 0.5.C. 532 br and to CFR 3.5tal of two Regulations.								
	1	The withheld information is prope	rly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 (E	XEMPTION 11				
	2. The witcheld information relates solely to the internal personnel rules and procedures of NRC (EXEMPTION 2)							
	3	The withheld information is specif	ically exempted from public disclosure by statute ii	ndicated (EXEMPTION 3)				
	Section 141-145 of the Atomic Energy Act which prohibits the disclosure of Restricted Data or Formerly Restricted Data (42 U.S.C. 2161-2165)							
	-	Section 147 of the Atomic Ener	gy Act which prohibits the disclosure of Unclassif	ied Safeguards Information (42 U.S.C. 21	67)			
	4. The withheld information is a trade secret or commercial or financial information that is being withheld for the reason(s) indicated: (EXEMPTION 4)							
The information is considered to be confidential business (proprietary) information.								
		The information is considered to be proprietary information pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(d)(1).						
		The information was submitted and received in confidence from a foreign source pursuant to 10 CFR 2.790(d)(2).						
The withheld information consists of interagency or intraagency records that are not available through discovery during litigation. Disclosure of predecisional information would tend to inhibit the open and frank exchange of ideas essential to the deliberative process. Where records are withheld in their entirety, the facts are inextrical intertwined with the predecisional information. There also are no reasonably segregable factual portions because the release of the facts would permit an indirect inquiry into the predecisional process of the agency. IEXEMPTION 5)				I'm inaviricanis				
	6. The withheld information is exempted from public disclosure because its disclosure would result in a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (EXEMPTION 6)				XEMPTION 61			
	7.	The withheld information consists	of investigatory records complet for law enforcem	nent purposes and is being withheld for the	he reason(s) indicated. (EXI	EMPTION 7)		
		Disclosure would interfere with possibly allow them to take act	an enforcement proceeding because it could reveal ion to shield potential wrongdoing or a violation of	the scope, direction, and focus of enforce f NRC requirements from investigators. (8	ement efforts, and thus co	pula		
	Disclosure would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (EXEMPTION 7(C))							
٠	The information consists of names of individuals and other information the disclosure of which would reveal identities of confidential sources. (EXEMPTION 7:D))							
			PART II.C - DENYI	NG OFFICIALS				
			U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations, it is nitrary to the public interest. The persons responsib Administration, for any denials that may be appea			uction or disclosure, s and the Director.		
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	the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and should clearly state on the envelope and in the letter that it is an "Appeal from an Initial FOIA Decision."							

Appendix B

Documents to be Released

1		1/7/86	NRC-drafted State Cable 4050 (1 page)
2	2	1/10/86	NRC-drafted State Cable 8343 (1 page)
3	3.	1/12/86	Ltr to D. Bangart from M. Dockter re: US DOE Aerial and Ground Radiation Measurements (1 page)
4	1.	1/14/86	Memo for P. Davis from D. Cool re: License and Amendments for Sequoyah Fuels Corporation, Sequoyah Facility, Sub-1010 (1 page)
5	5.	1/17/86	Ltr to R. Luke from R. Martin re: Confirmation of Action Ltr (3 pages)
6	5.	1/21/86	Memo for J. Taylor from R. Martin re: Industrial Safety (3 pages)
7	7.	1/21/86	Letter to K. Cameron from K. Burke re: Preliminary Notifications (1 page)
8	3.	1/22/86	Memo to R. Cunningham from H. Faulkner re: Bulge Uf ₆ Cylinder, April 19, 1985. Canada (1 page)
9	9.	1/22/86	Facsimile Transmittal to R. Chappell from R. Smith (8 pages)
1	10.	1/23/86	Memo for R. Brown from H. Faulkner re: Japanese Questions on Uf ₆ Cylinder Rupture (2 pages)
1	11.	1/23/86	Telegraphic Message to T. Okazaki from R. Hauber (1 page)
	12.	1/24/86	Memo for J. Davis from C. Heltemes re: Lessons Learned Group (LLG) (1 page)
	13.	1/24/86	Memo for J. Davis from T. Murley re: Lessons Learned Group (LLG) (1 page)
	14.	1/24/86	Memo for J. Davis from R. Martin re: Follow-on Actions Resulting from the Kerr-McGee UF ₆ Accident (6 pages)
	15.	1/24/86	Memo for J. Davis from R. Martin re: Response to Proposed Lessons Learned Group (LLG) (1 page)

Appendix B (cont'd)

16.	1/27/86	Memo for L. Cobb from w. Shafer re: Fuel Facility Inspector Qualifications (3 pages)
17.	1/30/86	Memo for J. Taylor from J. Martin re: Regional Interface with OSHA Agencies for Non-Radiological Issues w/enclosure re: Letter to C. Eschels from D. Kunihiro dtd 12/13/85 (2 pages)
18.	1/30/86	Memo for L. Cobb from J. Grace re: Response to Congressman Markey's Request w/enclosure re: Qualifications of Individuals (10 pages)
19.	1/30/86	Memo for J. Davis from J. Grace re: Lessons Learned Group for Sequoyah Release (1 page)
20.	1/31/86	Region IV Daily Staff Note from R. Martin (1 page)
21.	2/21/86	Memo for Chairman Palladino and the Commissioners from V. Stello re: Staff Requirements-Memorandum from Secretary dated 1/23/86 re: Sequoyah Fuels Corporation w/enclosure re: Staff Plans for Follow-on Task Resulting from the Sequoyah Fuels Corp. (STC) Facility Accident on 1/4/86 (5 pages)
22.	2/25/86	Facsimile Transmittal to R. Cunningham from R. Bangart (3 pages)
23.	2/27/86	Facsimile Transmittal to B. Dalrymple from R. Bangart (6 pages)
24.	3/14/86	Testimony on the January 4, 1986 Accident at the Kerr-McGee Sequoyah Facility, Presented by N. Palladino (20 pages)

Appendix C

Documents Withheld in Part

1.	2/7/86	Memo for Chairman Palladino from V. Stello re: Follow-up Responses to Briefing on 1/10/86 and your memo of 1/8/86 (1 page)	Release
		Enclosure a. Questions and Answers (14 pages)	Withhold Ex 5
		 January 10, 1986 EDO Principal Correspondence Control from Chairman Palladino to V. Stello re: Questions on Incident at Kerr-McGee (1 page) 	Release
		c. January 8, 1986, Memo to V. Stello from N. Palladino re: Incident at Kerr-McGee Nuclear Fuel Fabrication Plant Near Gore, Oklahoma (1 page)	Release
		 d. Chairman's Questions on Kerr-McGee Incident (2 pages) 	Withhold Ex 5
2.	2/7/86	Memo for Chairman Palladino from V. Stello re: Follow-up Responses to Briefing on 1/10/86 and your memo of January 8, 1986 (1 page)	Release
	Enclosure	: Questions and Answers (14 pages)	Withhold Ex 5
3.	3/5/86	Memo for Office Directors from V. Stello re: Chairman Backup Questions (1 page)	Release
		Enclosure: Additional Backup Questions for the Chairman (10 pgs.)	Withhold Ex 5

Appendix D

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- 3/6/86 Chairman's Questions on Kerr-McGee Incident (2 pages)
- 2. Undated

 Memo for V. Stello from S. Chilk re: Staff Requirements
 Briefing on Event at Kerr-McGee Sequoyah Facility, 1:00 p.m.,
 Friday January 10, 1986, Commissioners' Conference Room, DC
 Office to Public Attendance (2 pages)

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January 24, 1986

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Region 4
611 Ryan Drive
Arlington TX 76011

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Re: Gas Leat at Sequoyah Fuel Corp's Kerr McGee Plant at Gore, Oklahoma on January 4, 1986

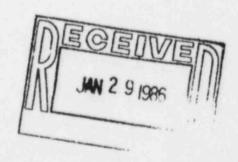
To whom this may concern:

I wish to receive the records of your investigation of the captioned incident as per the provision of the Freedom of Information Act. Please send this material together with the invoice to my attention at above address.

Very truly yours,

Midori Higuchi

Production Department



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MEMORANDUM FOR: Patricia R. Davis

Legal Assistant to Commissioner Asselstine

Office of the Commission

FROM:

Donald A. Cool, Ph.D.

Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch

Division of Fuel Cycle and Material Safety, NMSS

SUBJECT:

LICENSE AND AMENDMENTS FOR SEQUOYAH FUELS CORPORATION,

SEQUOYAH FACILITY, SUB-1010

Enclosed are copies of Source Materials License No. SUB-1010 as renewed on September 20, 1985. Also enclosed are copies of the License Conditions Section of the renewal application (pages dated August 23, 1985) and the Radiological Contingency Plan and update (dated March 11, 1982, and August 24, 1984) which are referenced by the license.

Source Materials License No. SUB-1010 has been amended once since the renewal (Amendment 1, dated December 23, 1985). A copy is enclosed for your information.

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Donald A. Cool, Ph.D.
Uranium Process Licensing Section
Uranium Fuel Licensing Branch
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Enclosures:

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- 1. Source Materials License SUB-1010
- 2. License Conditions Section
- 3. Radiological Contingency Plan

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- Radiological Contingency Plan Update (August 24, 1984)
- 5. Amendment No. 1 (December 23, 1985)

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SUBJECT: RUPTURED URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE CYLINDER AT
- SEQUOYAH CONVERSION FACILITY, GORE, ONLAHOMA
- (MRC-86-14)

REFS: A) 85 STATE A-384, 8) STATE 4858, C) DUBLIN 6988

- 1. MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM NRC OFFICIAL CONTACTS DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AS MRC-86-1A. IT PROVIDES AN UPDATE ON THE JANUARY 5, 1986 RUPTURE OF A CYLINDER CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY IS TONS OF URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE (UF6) WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ONE SEQUOYAM FUELS COMPANY (SFC) EMPLOYEE.
- 2. AT A NEWS BRIEFING ON JANUARY 7, THE SEQUOYAH FUELS COMPANY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PLANT'S OPERATING PROCEDURES PROHIBIT HEATING A UF6 CYLINDER THAT HAS BEEN OVERFILLED.
- 3. BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S (NRC) INVESTIGATION TEAM AS OF JAMUARY 8, AND VISUAL OBSERVATION OF THE RUPTURED CYLINDER, THE BEST JUDGEMENT OF THE TEAM IS THAT THE CYLINDER FAILED BY HYDRAULIC RUPTURE. THE NRC TEAM BAS FOUND NO INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE CYLINDER WAS DEFECTIVE. THE

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- 4. ALL SFC EMPLOYEES WHO WERE HOSPITALIZED AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT HAVE BEEN RELEASED. THERE IS NO DATA AT THIS TIME TO INDICATE ANY SIGNIFICANT OFFSITE RADIOLOGICAL IMPACTS.
- 5. FOR DUBLIM: PLEASE PASS THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO MR. F. J. TURVEY, NUCLEAR ENERGY BOARD, DUBLIM.
- 6. FOR LONDON: PLEASE CHANGE OFFICE DESIGNATION OF JOHN S. MACLEOD, HII, FROM TECHNICAL SUPPORT UNIT TO POLICY SECTION. SHULTZ

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Dick Bengart NRC Region 4 Arlington, Texas

SUBJECT: USDOE AERIAL AND GROUND RADIATION MEASUREMENTS

Dear Mr. Bengart:

The USDOE Aerial Measuring System was flown at NRC request to document the background radiation environment surrounding the Kerr McGee Sequoyah Fuel Facility following the accidental release of UF6 on 4 Jan 1986. In addition, the AMS team deployed an Intrinsic Germanium detector and a battery powered 4000 channel analyzer to provide ground based check points to support the aerial measurements.

The aerial results are provided to you as an overlay to an aerial photo of the facility. The area surveyed is a five mile square centered on the site with an additional two lines flown SE 18 miles to Keota, Oklahoma. The Carlile school is included in this survey area.

The Intrinsic Germanium results are given in the attached data sheets and have been included by your staff in the other ground sampling and measurement data.

In the outbrief conducted this morning copies of photo proof books and selected enlargements were delivered to you. The remaining proof books will be sent to the Region 4 office in Arlington, Texas.

Zolin Burson, data assessment specialist from E626/EM will remain on-site for several days to assist the NRC staff in assembling the off-site sampling data.

This will conclude the on-site support to be provided to NRC Region 4 and we expect to continue working with you on data collected during this mission. For this purpose please be in touch with the DOE Nevada Operations Office Nuclear Systems Division in Las Vegas, Nevada (FTS 575-1280).

Sincerely,

Mervin Dockter

DOE Response Teem Leader