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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Before

John H. Frye, III  
Administrative Judge

In the Matter of:

SEQUOYAH FUELS CORPORATION

(Sequoyah Facility Comprehensive  
Solid Waste Disposal and Storage  
Plan)

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) Docket No. 40-8027-MLA-2

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) ASLBP No. 86-524-01-MLA-2

STATUS REPORT

On March 25, 1987, Sequoyah Fuels Corporation ("SFC") submitted a motion to terminate the above-captioned proceeding. SFC pointed out that it is no longer seeking authorization under 10 C.F.R. § 20.302 to dispose of contaminated materials at the Sequoyah Facility and, in light of that fact, that there is no further need for this proceeding. The Presiding Officer subsequently issued a Memorandum and Order in which he observed that SFC had not yet obtained the necessary regulatory approvals for the implementation of its Comprehensive Radiological Solid Waste Management Plan (Nov. 13, 1986) ("Management Plan"). He noted, however:

If SFC is successful in its efforts, it will not require an NRC authorization in order to implement its new Plan. In this event, there will be no basis for this proceeding and its termination will be required. Until it is known whether

termination will occur it makes little sense to require further efforts by the parties. However, this question should not be allowed to go unresolved for an extended period of time. SFC is to report on the status of its efforts within five days of service . . . .

Memorandum and Order, 3 (June 26, 1987).

SFC responded to the Memorandum and Order on July 8, 1987, setting forth the status of its efforts to implement its Management Plan. SFC indicated that it had entered a contract to transport certain contaminated refuse to a licensed low-level waste site for disposal, but that, although SFC was authorized ship the raffinate and fluoride sludges to a uranium mill in New Mexico, the operator of the mill (Quivira Mining Company) had not yet received authorization from the NRC to process the sludges.

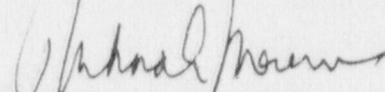
Quivira has now received a license amendment authorizing the processing of both the raffinate and fluoride sludges at its Ambrosia Lake mill. License SUA-1473, Dkt. No. 40-8905, Condition No. 31 (Sept. 21, 1987). All necessary approvals from the State have also been obtained. Quivira is thus now in a position both to receive the sludges and to process them to recover their uranium content.

In the meantime, SFC has continued its removal of sludges and wastes from the site for processing or disposal. Seventeen shipments of raffinate sludge (totalling over 315 tons) and three shipments of fluoride sludge (totalling over 57 tons) have been transported to Ambrosia Lake. Moreover,

twenty-two shipments of contaminated refuse (totalling over 425 tons or over 75 percent of the accumulated inventory) have been transported to a licensed low-level waste site for disposal. Once the current inventory of sludges and wastes has been removed, shipments will continue from time to time as sludges and wastes are generated by SFC operations.

In sum, all regulatory barriers to SFC's Management Plan have now been overcome and SFC has made substantial progress in the plan's implementation. In light of these facts, the termination of this proceeding is now appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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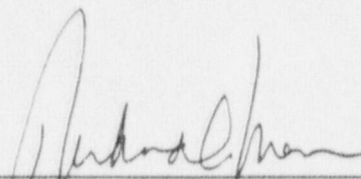
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