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SUBJECT: POLICY STATEMENT ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE BELOW REGULATORY
CONCERN, SECY-86-204

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Items of Interest

Week Ending August 29, 1986

Policy Statement on Radioactive Waste Below Regulatory Concern

SN-10600

The Commission policy statement concerning radioactive waste below regulatory concern should be published the week of September 1, 1986 in the Federal Register.

Waste Management attended an ad hoc industry meeting on August 21, 1986 in Columbia, Maryland. Representatives of utilities and utility organizations (Electric Power Research Institute, Nuclear Utility Waste Management Group, Edison Electric Institute, and Atomic Industrial Forum) met to discuss the industry's interest in generic rulemakings to permit the disposal of particular very low-level waste streams from nuclear power plants (e.g., compacted trash, secondary resins or contaminated soils). Waste Management briefed the attendees on the policy statement and staff implementation plan. The attendees seemed to be very interested in both petitions for rulemaking and individual proposals for alternative disposal methods under 10 CFR 20.302. They were also pleased about the Commission's decision to issue an advance notice of proposed rulemaking on this topic.

FBI Criminal History Rule

SN-10600

On August 18th, Mr. William McDonald, Deputy EDO, (Information Resources Management), and representatives from NMSS, SEC, GC, and RM met with the FBI to discuss interface processing requirements, reimbursement procedures, and FBI comments on the draft NRC rule. It was determined that electronic processing was impractical. A subsequent meeting of NRC staff was held on August 19th to discuss draft procedures for handling and tracking the status of incoming fingerprint cards. In a related matter, GC will pursue initiating an amendment to the FY87 Appropriations Act to enable NRC to receive fees from licensees, retain a portion of our costs and reimburse the FBI for theirs.

Sequoyah Fuels Corporation, Gore, Oklahoma

On July 18, 1986, Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) requested approval to perform limited cleanup activities at the Sequoyah Fuel Facility near Gore, Oklahoma. This request was based on the need to reduce liquid inventories to allow access to equipment for essential maintenance and repair. Reducing these inventories would also allow SFC to resume decontamination activities which had been stopped because of lack of storage space for the liquid generated during cleanup. After discussions with Region IV, EPA and the State of Oklahoma, the NMSS staff, agreed on August 22, 1986, to allow limited

August 29, 1986

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