

November 20, 1990

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The Honorable Mike Synar
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Synar:

I am responding to your October 10, 1990, letter regarding Mr. [redacted] allegation that the environment near his home, near Lake Tenkiller, was contaminated from chemical fallout from operations at Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC). 7C

Our regional office in Arlington, Texas, contacted Mr. [redacted] on October 30, 1990, to discuss his concern. During this conversation, Mr. [redacted] expressed great satisfaction with the responsiveness of SFC, especially Mr. Reau Graves. SFC has provided Mr. [redacted] with information about SFC operations and sample containers to obtain rainwater samples for analysis by SFC. 7C

I have enclosed a copy of the initial letter from Region IV to Mr. [redacted] dated November 13, 1990. The Region IV office will review the actions of SFC regarding this matter during a future inspection. We will advise you of the final resolution of this matter. 7C

If you require additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:
James M. Taylor
James M. Taylor
Executive Director
for Operations

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Dear Mr.]

Reference: Allegation No. 4-90-A-0084

This is in reference to your letter to Congressman Mike Synar, dated September 10, 1990, in which you expressed concern related to possible contamination of the environment from chemical fallout from the Sequoyah Fuels Plant in Gore, Oklahoma.

I understand from our telephone conversation on October 30, 1990, that Mr. Beau Graves, President, Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC), visited with you in your home on October 15, 1990. Mr. Graves provided you with information about operations at SFC, and also provided sample containers for you to obtain rainwater samples for analysis by SFC.

As discussed during our conversation, we will initiate actions to examine the facts and circumstances regarding your concern; therefore, if this letter does not completely and accurately reflect your concerns, please call me collect at (817) 860-8245 immediately, so that we can assure your information is adequately addressed during our review. If you should call and I am not available, please leave a message and I will return your call.

In closing, let me assure you that every effort will be made to resolve your concerns. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is responsible for protecting the public in the uses of nuclear facilities and materials. We engage in major efforts on a daily basis to fulfill that responsibility.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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Rep. Mike Synar

TO:

Dennis Rathbun, OCA

FOR SIGNATURE OF: ** GRN **

CRC NO: 90-0307

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DESC:

ROUTING:

ENCLOSES LETTER FROM [REDACTED] Ex 7c
EXPRESSING CONCERNS ABOUT POSSIBLE AIRBORNE
CONTAMINATION FROM THE SEQUOYAH FUELS PLANT IN
GORE OKLAHOMA

DATE: 10/19/90

ASSIGNED TO: RIV CONTACT: R Martin 10/23/90 Haughey
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

REPLY DIRECT TO MR. [REDACTED] WITH CC TO REP. SYNAR. Ex 7c

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PAPER NUMBER: CRC-90-0307 LOGGING DATE: Oct 10 90

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AUTHOR: Mike Synar--Const Ref
AFFILIATION: U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

LETTER DATE: Oct 10 90 FILE CODE: MH&S-3-2 Con/Decontam

SUBJECT: Possible airborne contamination from the Sequoyah
 Fuels Plant

ACTION: Direct Reply

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SPECIAL HANDLING: None

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DATE DUE: Nov 2 90

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MIKE SYNAR
2D DISTRICT OKLAHOMA

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October 10, 1990

Mr. Dennis Rathbun, Director,
Office of Congressional Affairs,
Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
OWFN 17A3,
Washington, D.C. 20555


Dear Mr. Rathbun:

Ex-74 - Enclosed is a letter from my constituent, Mr. [redacted] expressing his concerns about possible airborne contamination from the Sequoyah Fuels Plant in Gore Oklahoma falling on his home near Lake Tenkiller, about five miles from the plant. RC

Ex-74 I would appreciate your having an appropriate person from the NRC contact Mr. [redacted] regarding this matter, advising me of the outcome, and providing me with a copy of any communications NRC may have with Mr. [redacted]. RC

Ex-74 Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


Mike Synar, M.C.

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September 10, 1990

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Oklahoma

Congressman Mike Synar, Oklahoma's 2nd. District
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mike,

Re: The Gore, Oklahoma chemical fall-out and possible contamination of the natural environment for public access contrary to National Environmental Law.

Your recent request for a check of the Gore facilities was appreciated. However, I wonder if the inspection team were accurate and dedicated to their obligations of findings release to the public. Based on our immediate contact because of residence in the past eight years, (1982-1990) within a five mile radius of the Gore Uranium plant near the Tenkiller Lake Dam, North of the Gore Plant installation, we have observed times when winds with heavy, low-cast storm clouds create unusual deposits. Surface discolorations, water irregularities, vegetation and animal/bird disbursement, as if nature condemns soil and air for contact with living forms.

Year by year the contamination has increased to toxic levels for all inhabitants. Observations over the past eight years may conclude a conspiracy to disguise tragic effects the existing manufacturing plant formulates by negating precautions mechanically and scientifically available. For industry to insure safety of environment and peoples within the dropout range of these lethal chemical by-products of the Gore Plant finished products. This last 'accident' resulted in a tremendously, huge white cloud with formation equaling the Los Alamos testing. A Hiroshima nightmare.

I have brought samples of the water from rains during these periods of fallout from the Gore plant to the Tahlequah County Health Service, but in two years have never received a single word as to the test results, (if they were made). When an accident occurs at the Gore Plant, it is detectable in our immediate area within minutes; depending on the wind direction, atmospheric density, etc. Discoloration of metals, soil, stone, foliage, animal life and crop mutations commence and increase with severity plus deadly haste. Personally, I experience periods of depression and a slower than average respiration. Eyes will be inclined to 'burn' and feel weak to vision. Appetites decrease before time restores normalcy to life in this area.

-continueu: -2- Letter to Congressman Mike Synar, 2nd. District
Congress of the United States

Re: Gore, Oklahoma chemical fallout.

September 10, 1990

-----The recent accident at the Gore plant, allows greater suspicion as to the deadly charator of the Gore fallout and dispersal of waste by-products into ground areas of the local community, lake area.

I would like to see an impartial but serious study with laboratory techniques thruout the wooded area and other sites within a five mile radius of the Gore Plant. Also a full scale under-surface water test to accurately pin-point the existing contaninates.

(I recently read that the Indian Nations under Chief Wilma Maniller, has received \$350,000 for a study of the county's pollution problems. Will this cover the Gore plant facilities?

I would willingly come before any board, state or federal, to verify what I have written here to be the truth.

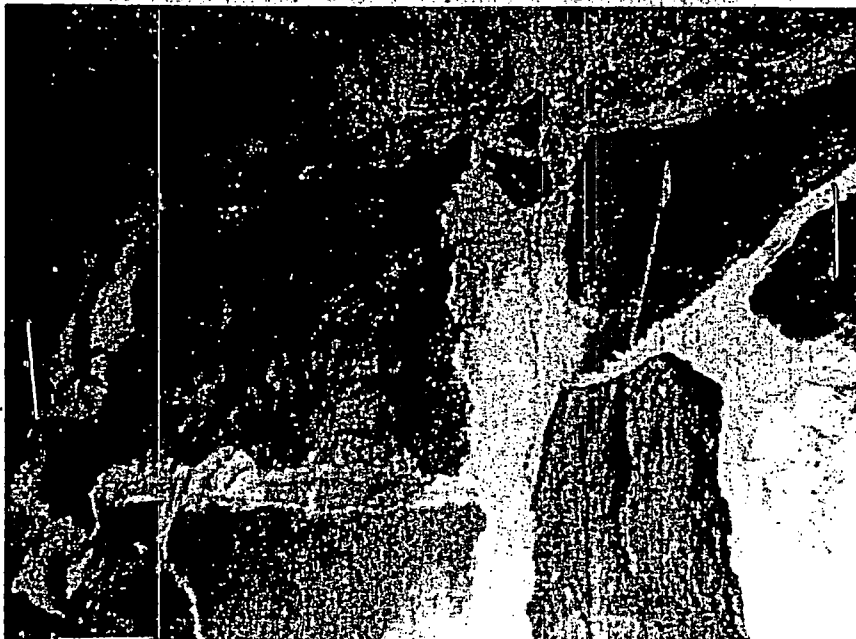
I am enclosing a photo of typical discoloration of our home area after the most recent fall-out and accompaning storm. The photo was taken several days after and does not show the full discoloration that occured within immediate hours following.

Sincerely,

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