

May 29, 1991

Honorable David L. Boren  
United States Senator  
409 South Boston  
Suite 1820  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74103

Dear Senator Boren:

This is in response to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) letter of April 12, 1991, which was referred to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a letter to you from Mrs. [redacted] (enclosure 1). Mrs. [redacted] expresses concern about the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) facility in Gore, Oklahoma and also about statements made by an NRC employee, Mr. Gilliland. nc

Regarding the safety at the Sequoyah facility, NRC is closely monitoring the SFC management's efforts to deal with the problems identified at the Gore facility. We intend to ensure that regulatory requirements are met and public health and safety is protected. With regard to Mrs. [redacted] concerns about EPA responsiveness, a team from EPA Region 6 and the Oklahoma State Department of Health visited the SFC facility during the week of May 13, 1991, and will be addressing hazardous waste and other issues that may come under their jurisdiction. The NRC will continue to work closely with other agencies as necessary to ensure that matters affecting the safety and health of the public are properly addressed. nc

Mrs. [redacted] apparently misunderstood Mr. Gilliland's statements to the Muskogee Phoenix regarding SFC's "lack of sensitivity" to the significance of the contamination. Please be assured that Mr. Gilliland's comments were directed towards the performance of plant management in interpreting the significance of the event and were not intended to denigrate or stereotype any individual. nc

We hope this is responsive to Mrs. [redacted] concerns.

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

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We hope that you and Mrs. [redacted] find this letter responsive to her concerns. 7c  
If you require additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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