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Sequoyah Fuels Corporation  
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September 19, 1996

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF POSTULATED EVENTS THAT COULD TRANSPORT URANIUM OFFSITE

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Therefore, you are requested to: (1) review the current configuration of the facility and certify that you have done so; and (2) provide assurance that SFC is still in compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR 40.31(j). Namely, you must demonstrate (reports, analyses, etc.) that there are no credible events, including fire or tornado, that could result in any uptake of uranium exceeding 2 mg by any member of the public, or that SFC has an adequate emergency response plan. NRC expects to receive your response within 60 days of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,  
[ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:]

Michael F. Weber, Chief  
Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning  
Projects Branch  
Division of Waste Management  
Office of Nuclear Material Safety  
and Safeguards

Docket 40-8027  
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