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Oklahoma Department
of Environmental Quality
1000 NE 10th Street
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February 20, 1997

Dear Mr. Caves:

As you know, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the remediation of the radiological contamination at the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC) facility near Gore, Oklahoma. One of the essential elements of the drinking water pathway analysis that is performed for the EIS is the classification of the ground water under the site as potable or not potable. Based on discussions with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, we recognize decisions about potability of ground water are within the purview of the State of Oklahoma. We also understand that your organization makes such decisions. To facilitate our EIS analyses efforts, we would appreciate it if you could inform us by February 28, 1997, of your process and schedule for making this decision.

As you are also aware, there will be a public meeting on the remediation of SFC on February 25, 1997, at Webbers Falls. Because the ground water issue will likely be discussed at that meeting, I believe it would be advantageous if your staff could address your schedule at that meeting.

We very much appreciate your continued assistance in helping us resolve important issues related to the SFC facility. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Mr. Jim Shepherd, of my staff at (301) 415-6712.

Sincerely,

[Original signed by]

John T. Greeves, Director
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