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May 23, 1974



Mr. R. B. Chitwood, Chief
Technical Support Branch
Directorate of Licensing
Atomic Energy Commission
Washington, D. C. 20545

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Kerr-McGee Sequoyah
Facility Uranium Hexafluoride Plant at Gore, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Chitwood:

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Department of Pollution Control--Comments are attached and made a part of this letter.

The above comments should be seriously considered prior to the implementation of this project. The state clearinghouse will have no further comment on the project.

Sincerely,

Don N. Strain
Director



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Agricultural Research Service Comments
on the Draft Environmental Statement
related to the Kerr-McGee Nuclear
Corporation Sequoyah Uranium Hexafluoride
Plant, Docket No. 40-8027

Page III-4 - What precautions are taken to be sure that seepages from the storage lagoon do not get into the river or underground water? On page III-9 we are told that impervious clay is used to line the lagoons. They also point out that sampling wells are installed for monitoring. How often are samples collected and what course of action will be followed if leakage is detected? Where is the discharge from the overflow pipe?

*Responses
needed*

Page V-11 - The fluoride concentrations discharged into the river are at the upper limits permitted. What plan has been developed for discharge if the present system of operating allows larger concentration to get through into the discharge?

We would urge caution on deep well disposal of wastes until it can be demonstrated conclusively that groundwater will not be contaminated.

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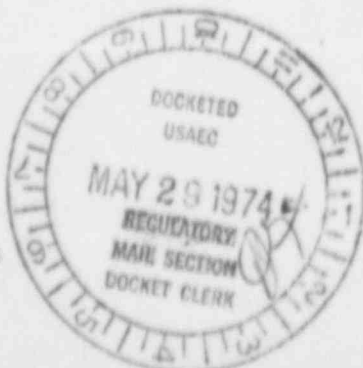
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STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

OKLAHOMA CITY

April 26, 1974

BILLY RAY GOWDY
PRESIDENT

DAVID HALL
GOVERNOR

From: State Department of Agriculture

Subject: Kerr-McGee
Sequoyah Plant Project

In our opinion there will be no adverse environmental impact anticipated and consequently, we recommend the statement be accepted and the license continued.

However, we recommend that suitable methods for disposal of certain radio active wastes be developed and put into use. We further recommend that continued monitoring and surveillance programs be kept with emphasis on fluoride residues in connection with the grazing of livestock and other agricultural activities.

Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Bower

Clyde A. Bower
Administrative Assistant

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May 8, 1974

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Dear Don:

I am writing to your office in the hope of gaining further information on the environmental impact statement packet dealing with the Kerr-McGee Uranium Hexafluoride plant in Sequoyah County received at the Department of Pollution Control on April 25, 1974.

The exact purpose of this document at this time is more than a little confusing to me. The National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) purpose in requiring such statements was to study the effects of a project before it has begun and to act appropriately. According to the Radiological and Occupational Health section of the Oklahoma State Department of Health this plant has been in operation since 1971. I trust you can imagine my concern over the issuance of an impact statement at this late date.

If, in fact, the Sequoyah facility does fall under the scope of NEPA, why has the impact document not been released until this time? It would appear that some sort of irregularity has taken place and that the intent, if not the fact, of NEPA has been violated.

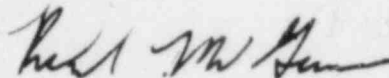
The impact of such a plant, be it good or bad, requires needy study and evaluation by all sections of the state's community -- private and public. When the statement is issued two years after the plant's

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completion, agencies such as our own can not make a significant contribution in assessing the potential effects of such a project. If the late issuance of this document is an attempt to avoid review or flaunt the law I trust that some legal action will be brought by the appropriate agency.

I trust you will forward my comments to the proper authorities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Gunn", written in a cursive style.

Richard M. Gunn
Environmental Quality Coordinator