

6718 Opinion and Order: Administrator v. Alessi, Docket SE-13930; disposition of cross appeals.

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Dated: August 9, 1996.

Bea Hardesty,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-8027]

Notice of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Related to Amendment of Materials License No. SUB-1010 For the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation, Gore, Oklahoma

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering a license amendment request, submitted by the Sequoyah Fuels Corporation (SFC). The proposed action is to abandon certain groundwater monitoring wells at SFC's Gore, Oklahoma, facility, and to replace these groundwater monitoring points, specified in the license, with existing wells of better construction that produce more reliable data.

Summary of the Environmental Assessment

By license amendment application dated October 3, 1994, SFC requested changes to the license for its Sequoyah facility at Gore, Oklahoma. This amendment to the license is needed to implement the well plugging and abandonment described in Section 8 of the Groundwater Monitoring Interim Measures (GMIM) Workplan approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 15, 1993, under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) signed August 3, 1993. This license amendment request was revised by the licensee by letter dated February 9, 1996, in response to staff comments dated December 8, 1995.

The proposed action is necessary so that SFC can permanently abandon, and remove from the license, 35 groundwater monitoring wells that may not provide reliable information and may serve as a conduit for the movement of contaminants between groundwater zones. These wells will be replaced in the license with 24 more recently installed, better constructed

wells. This action is intended to reduce the potential for contamination between groundwater zones at the SFC site and provide for the monitoring of groundwater wells that yield more reliable data.

None of the wells proposed to be plugged are in areas of current uranium contamination in the groundwater. Therefore, it is not expected that the plugging operation will result in the generation of contaminated material or effluents. However, the GMIM Workplan states that all material removed from each hole will be managed in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and facility procedures. SFC is expected to follow its environmental and radiation protection programs for the removal and plugging of the wells described in the amendment request.

The environmental impact associated with the preferred alternative is minimal. The well abandonment procedure is similar to installing a new well. There is the generation of soil, well cuttings, and old well casing. If none of this material is impacted by radioactive or hazardous substances, the material removed from the wells can be handled as solid waste. As stated previously, the GMIM Workplan states that all material removed from the abandoned wells will be managed in compliance with all State and Federal regulations and facility procedures. Therefore, if the licensee determines that the material removed from any of the boreholes is contaminated with radioactivity, above the action levels in the license, the material must be handled and disposed of in accordance with NRC regulations and SFC's license. In addition, the GMIM Workplan is being implemented under an AOC that the licensee has with EPA. Therefore, material removed from the abandoned wells that is contaminated with hazardous constituents will be handled in accordance with EPA regulations.

The removal of these old wells from service and plugging of the boreholes may have a positive impact on the environment if, because of poor construction, the old wells could serve as potential pathways for migration of contaminants between groundwater zones. The NRC staff believes that the proposed replacement wells will provide an acceptable level of groundwater monitoring capability based on well location and depth in relation to known and potential sources of groundwater contamination.

The NRC staff identified alternatives other than the preferred alternative of abandonment and replacement of the identified groundwater monitoring

wells. The alternatives are as follows: (1) No action; (2) abandonment with no replacement; and (3) no abandonment but with replacement. None of the alternatives meet the dual purpose of the preferred alternative of replacing unreliable monitoring points with more reliable ones and reducing the possibility for migration of contaminants between groundwater zones through the old well boreholes. Therefore, the staff believes that the proposed alternative provides the optimum level of protection of the environment, among the various alternatives.

Based on evaluation of SFC's well abandonment and replacement plan, NRC staff determined that SFC's proposal complies with NRC's regulations, and that authorizing the license amendment would not be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The NRC staff concludes that a finding of no significant impact is justified and appropriate and that an environmental impact statement is not required. Notice of consideration of this amendment request and opportunity for hearing was published in the Federal Register (59 FR 55716, November 8, 1994). No hearing was requested.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the findings in the environmental assessment, the NRC staff has determined that, under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and NRC's regulations in 10 CFR Part 51, authorizing this license amendment would not be a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and therefore an environmental impact statement is not required. The NRC staff concludes that a finding of no significant impact is justified and appropriate.

Further Information

For additional information with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's request for license amendment dated October 3, 1994, and supplementary information, the safety evaluation report, and the environmental assessment which are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, Washington, DC.

For further information, contact James Shepherd, Division of Waste Management, USNRC, Mailstop T-7F27, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Telephone: (301) 415-6712.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of August 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Michael F. Weber,
*Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning
Projects Branch, Division of Waste
Management, Office of Nuclear Material
Safety and Safeguards.*
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Review of the SCDAP/RELAP5 Code Modeling of Natural Circulation in a PWR Under Severe Accident Conditions

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission staff will meet with NRC
contractors (consultants of Energy
Research, Inc.) and representatives of
the Nuclear Energy Institute. The
purpose of the meeting is to review the
SCDAP/RELAP5 code modeling of
natural circulation in a PWR under
severe accident conditions, and bench-
marking of the code against the
Westinghouse 1/7 scale natural
circulation experiments the scaling of
those experiments.

DATES: August 19-20, 1996, 9:00 am.

ADDRESSES: Fauske and Associates, Inc.,
16W07 West 83rd Street, Burr Ridge, IL
60521, 708-887-5201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Dr. Richard Lee, Accident Evaluation
Branch, Office of Nuclear Regulatory
Research, Nuclear Regulatory
Commission, Washington, DC 20555.
Telephone: (301) 415-6795.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day
of August, 1996, for the Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

M. Wayne Hodges,

*Director, Division of Systems Technology,
Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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Management is submitting to the Office
of Management and Budget a request for
clearance of a revised information
collection. RI 25-7, Marital Status
Certification, is used to survey surviving
spouses to see if they have remarried
before age 55. If they have remarried,
their survivor annuity is terminated.
Beginning with the 1996 information
collection, only survivor annuitants
who have remarried before age 55 are
required to respond. Previously, all
survivor annuitants were required to
respond each year.

We estimate 1000 forms are
completed annually. Each form takes
approximately 15 minutes to complete.
The annual estimated burden is 250
hours, a reduction of 11,000 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact
Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail
to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal
should be received on or before
September 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments
to—

Victor J. Roy, Chief, Eligibility Division,
Retirement and Insurance Service,
U.S. Office of Personnel Management,
1900 E Street, NW, Room 2336,
Washington, DC 20415

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer,
Office of Information & Regulatory
Affairs, Office of Management and
Budget, New Executive Office
Building, Room 10235, Washington,
DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT:
Mary Beth Smith-Toomey Management
Services Division (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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Dyhrkopp, Fineman, Mackie,
McWherter, Rider, and Winters;
Postmaster General Runyon, Deputy
Postmaster General Coughlin, Secretary
of the Board Koerber, and General
Counsel Elcano.

As to the first item, the Board
determined that pursuant to section
552b(c)(3) and (9)(B) of title 5, United
States Code; section 410(c)(2)-(5) of title
39, United States Code; and section
7.3(c) and (i) of title 39, Code of Federal
Regulations, the meeting is exempt from
the open meeting requirement of the
Government in the Sunshine Act [5
U.S.C. 552b(b)].

As to the second item, the Board
determined that pursuant to section
552b(c)(3) and (4) of title 5, United
States Code; section 410(c)(2) of title 39,
United States Code; and section 7.3(d)
of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations,
the meeting is exempt from the open
meeting requirement of the Government
in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(b)].

The Board further determined that the
public interest does not require that the
Board's discussion of these matters be
open to the public.

In accordance with section 552b(f)(1)
of Title 5, United States Code, and
section 7.6(a) of title 39, Code of Federal
Regulations, the General Counsel of the
United States Postal Service has
certified that in her opinion the meeting
may properly be closed to public
observation pursuant to section
552b(c)(3), (4) and (9)(B) of Title 5,
United States Code; section 410(c)(2)-
(5) of title 39, United States Code; and
section 7.3(c), (d) and (i) of Title 39,
Code of Federal Regulations.

Requests for information about the
meeting should be addressed to the
Secretary of the Board, Thomas J.
Koerber, at (202) 268-4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,

Secretary.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

[RI 25-7]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Review of a Revised Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub.
L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice
announces that the Office of Personnel

POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting; Board of Governors; Notice of Vote to Close Meeting

At its meeting on August 5, 1996, the
Board of Governors of the United States
Postal Service voted unanimously to
close to public observation its meeting
scheduled for September 9, 1996, in
Washington, D.C. The members will
consider 1) legislative reform, and 2)
strategic alliance.

The meeting is expected to be
attended by the following persons:
Governors Alvarado, Daniels, del Junco,

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Rel. No. IC-22117/812-10160]

Nations Fund Trust, et al.; Notice of Application

August 6, 1996.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange
Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application for
exemption under the Investment
Company Act of 1940 (the "Act").

APPLICANTS: Nations Fund Trust
("NFT"), Nations Fund, Inc. ("NFI"),