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NRC ISSUES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON SEQUOYAH FUELS CORP. REMEDIATION PLAN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has published its final environmental impact statement for the Sequoyah Fuels Corp.'s plan for surface reclamation at its former uranium conversion site near Gore, Okla.

The environmental impact statement is part of the NRC's review of Sequoyah's proposed surface reclamation and groundwater corrective actions. The report concludes that impacts of the proposed actions on the physical environment and nearby communities would be small, while impacts on land use are classified as moderate.

The report describes the proposed action and reasonable alternatives – including no action – and describes the proposed mitigation measures. The NRC staff assessed the impacts of the proposed action and its alternatives on public and occupational health, air quality, water resources, waste management, geology and soils, noise, ecology resources, land use, transportation, historical and cultural resources, visual and scenic resources, socioeconomics, accidents and environmental justice. The report also analyzes and compares the costs and benefits of the proposed action.

The agency issued a draft version of the report last September for public comment, and held a public meeting in Gore on Oct. 16. The staff received 58 substantive comments on the draft report; those comments are addressed in the final report.

The *Environmental Impact Statement for the Reclamation of Sequoyah Fuels Corp. Site in Gore, Okla.*, NUREG-1888, is available on the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1888/>.

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