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Low-level radioactive waste disposal: Waste Control Specialists' (WCS) license RO4100 was amended (number 29) on December 7, 2015. . Amendment 29 made clarifying additions, changes and general updates to the license including minor changes intended to improve operational effectiveness and incorporate the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) current Concentration Averaging and Encapsulation Branch Technical Position. TCEQ continues to monitor storage and disposal operation at WCS.

Uranium Mining: A new license application from Uranium Energy Corporation (UEC) for their Burke Hollow project and a major amendment for Conoco Phillip's Conquista project are still under technical review.

TCEQ continues to work towards obtaining partial release for a portion of the former licensed area of the abandoned Intercontinental Energy Corporation Lamprecht/Zamzow site, primarily focusing on the Completion Review Report which must be submitted to the NRC for their concurrence in granting a partial release of these areas for unrestricted use. TCEQ is also coordinating the removal of several debris piles from the site using funds from the Environmental Radiation Perpetual Care Account, which is tentatively planned to occur later this year.

By-product material disposal: Operation of the byproduct waste disposal facility continues under WCS's current byproduct license. By license condition, the byproduct disposal operation is limited to receiving only the Fernald byproduct waste. TCEQ continues to review WCS's environmental monitoring reports and related data.

Underground Injection Control: TCEQ continues processing one application for a new Class III UIC area permit for the UEC Burke Hollow project, which is an unmined site in Bee County. TCEQ is conducting the technical review of the Burke Hollow base area permit application and is coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency on the associated aquifer exemption request.

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Rulemaking projects:

Rulemaking to amend Texas Administrative Code Chapter 336 to implement Senate Bill 347 (83rd Regular) regarding volume reduction requirements and to modify the rules regarding physical protection of category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive material to make the Texas rules compatible with 10 CFR Part 37 was adopted on December 9, 2015 (effective on December 31, 2015).