

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Program Report for the June 12, 2015 TRAB Meeting

Low-level radioactive waste disposal: No amendments have been made to a radioactive materials license since the last TRAB meeting. TCEQ continues to monitor storage and disposal operation at WCS.

Uranium Mining: A major amendment application for license area expansion from Signal Equities on their Brown Project and a new license application from UEC for their Burke Hollow project are both still under technical review.

TCEQ continues to work towards obtaining partial release from the NRC for a portion of the former licensed area of the abandoned IEC Lamprecht/Zamzow site. Work continues on the Completion Review Report which must be submitted to the NRC for their concurrence in a partial release of these areas for unrestricted use. TCEQ is reviewing submissions received between October 3 and November 14 from the request for proposals (RFP) for the project work.

By-product material disposal: Operation of the byproduct waste disposal facility continues under its current license. By license condition, the byproduct disposal operation is limited to receiving only the Fernald byproduct waste. Staff members continue 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 an in situ uranium mining site. The new application (UEC Burke Hollow site) is for an unmined site in Bee County; TCEQ is conducting the technical review of the Burke Hollow base area permit application. TCEQ issued the amended mine area permit and the new production area authorization for STMV's La Palangana mine in Duval County on November 18, 2014 and received EPA's approval of the aquifer exemption associated with the new production area on March 26, 2015.

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Rulemaking projects:

On June 3, TCEQ Commissioners approved final adoption of two rulemaking projects: 1) to implement Senate Bill 347 (83rd Regular), regarding the Environmental Radiation and Perpetual Care Account, and 2) to implement Senate Bill 1532 (83rd Regular), regarding authorization of certain injection wells in the Edwards Aquifer.