

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Program Report for the September 18, 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: On August 11, TCEQ issued a major amendment was issued to Signal Equities for license area expansion on their Brown Project. On July 7, a minor amendment was issued to Exxon Mobil's Ray Point project for the removal and disposal of contaminated soil.

On June 23, TCEQ published notification that a major amendment application for Conoco Phillip's Conquista project was administratively complete, and is now under technical review. The application seeks authorization for construction of a new byproduct disposal cell. A new license application from UEC for their Burke Hollow project is 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.

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 and is coordinating with EPA on the associated aquifer exemption request.

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Rulemaking projects:

On August 19, TCEQ Commissioners approved for proposal a rulemaking project to amend Texas Administrative Code Chapter 336 in order to implement Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements related to Increased Controls and to meet federal compatibility requirements. The rulemaking approved for proposal also implement Senate Bill 347 (83rd Regular), regarding volume reduction requirements. The public comment runs until October 4, and a public hearing will be held on September 22.