

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Program Report for the September 23, 2016 TRAB Meeting

Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal: Waste Control Specialists' (WCS) license RO4100 has not been amended since amendment number 30 on March 16, 2015. TCEQ continues to monitor storage and disposal operations at WCS.

Uranium Mining: A new license application from Uranium Energy Corporation (UEC) for their Burke Hollow project and a major amendment for Conoco Phillips' 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 has completed work on the removal of six piles of debris from the site, totaling approximately 1851 yards of material. The work began on May 2, under regular supervision by the TCEQ and ended on June 25. The TCEQ is also conducting sampling campaigns to finely delineate areas that are above standards for release to unrestricted use and get volume estimates for the next phase of remediation.

Byproduct 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 has concluded the technical review for a new Class III UIC area permit for UEC's Burke Hollow project, in Bee County. TCEQ did early coordination with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on the associated aquifer exemption request to ensure the application contained all the information EPA would need to complete their review. The public notice of the draft area permit received one comment, from an adjacent landowner. TCEQ's response is due on September 15, 2016.

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URI, Inc. submitted two (2) permit applications. On November 5, 2015 TCEQ received a Class I renewal application for WDW248. This disposal well is located at Kingsville Dome mine in Kleberg County. The application is under technical review. Also, URI submitted a request to amend the permit range table in the area permit for the Vasquez mine in Duval County. The application for major amendment was received on March 3, 2016. A public notice of the draft amended area permit was published in August. There is a 30-day comment period.

Rulemaking Projects:

Rulemaking to amend Texas Administrative Code Chapter 336 to revise rules concerning definitions, general requirements for surveys and monitoring, physical protection of Category 1 and Category 2 quantities of radioactive material, and licensee notification requirements for byproduct material retention systems to ensure compatibility with federal regulations promulgated by the NRC was proposed on August 3, 2016. A public hearing was held on September 6, 2016. Public comments are invited before the September 19, 2016 deadline.