

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF HEARING
URI, INC.
SOAH Docket No. 582-16-0967
TCEQ Docket No. 2015-1268-UIC
Permit No. UR02827**

APPLICATION.

URI, Inc. (URI) headquartered at 6950 South Potomac Street, Suite 300, Centennial, Colorado 80112, a uranium mining company, has submitted separate renewal and major amendment applications to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The renewal application dated September 24, 2012 was for the renewal of TCEQ area Permit No. UR02827, which authorizes injection wells within the permitted area used for the continuance of groundwater restoration. The major amendment application dated December 12, 2012 requested amendment of the permit to provide authority to construct and operate injection wells for mining of uranium, which expired under the existing permit on September 1, 2012. Both of these applications are in accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 331, including §§ 331.1-331.21, 331.41-331.48, 331.81-331.86 and 331.122. The applications were declared administratively complete on March 22, 2013. During the technical review process, URI submitted revisions to the applications to revise well plugging methods in the closure plan for Class III wells and to update the permit range table to include groundwater quality information from Class III wells located in Production Area 3.

The Kingsville Dome Mine is located approximately 8 miles southeast of the city of Kingsville, and 4 miles east of the town of Ricardo on 641 FM1118, in Kleberg County, Texas. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice:

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=27.386944&lng=-97.775277&zoom=13&type=r>. For exact location, refer to application.

The TCEQ Executive Director has prepared a draft amended and renewal permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The applications, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the County Clerk's Office, Kleberg County Courthouse, 700 East Kleberg Avenue, Kingsville, Texas 78363.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a formal contested case hearing at:

**10:00 a.m. – March 3, 2016
Kleberg County Courthouse Annex
1500 East King Avenue
Kingsville, Texas 78363**

The contested case hearing will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will address the disputed issues of fact identified in the TCEQ order concerning this application issued on October 11, 2015. In addition to these issues, the judge may consider additional issues if certain factors are met.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 27, Texas Water Code; TCEQ rules, including 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 331 and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155. The hearing will be held unless all timely hearing requests have been withdrawn or denied.

To request to be a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be adversely affected by the application in a way not common to members of the general public. Any person may attend the hearing and request to be a party. Only persons named as parties may participate at the hearing.

INFORMATION.

If you need more information about the hearing process for this application, please call the Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/>. The mailing address for the TCEQ is P.O. Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087.

Further information may also be obtained from URI at 641 East FM1118, Kingsville, Texas 78363 or by calling Mr. Dain McCoig, P.E. at 361-595-5731.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-3445, at least one week prior to the hearing.

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Bridget C. Bohac, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality