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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

July 12, 2017

Attn: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2012-0788  
Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings  
Air and Radiation Docket  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Mail Code 2822T  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 192; Health and Environmental Protection  
Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings; Proposed Rule

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) request for comments in the notice of proposed rulemaking published in the January 19, 2017 edition of the *Federal Register*, entitled "40 CFR Part 192 Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings."

Enclosed, please find TCEQ's detailed comments relating to EPA's action referenced above. If you have comments or questions concerning the enclosed comments, please contact Mr. Charles Maguire, Director of the Radioactive Materials Division, Office of Waste, (512) 239-5308 or [charles.maguire@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:charles.maguire@tceq.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. A. Hyde".

Richard Hyde, P.E.  
Executive Director

Enclosure