

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF HEARING
URI, INC.
SOAH Docket No. 582-19-1154
TCEQ Docket No. 2018-0319-WDW
Permit No. WDW248**

APPLICATION.

URI, Inc. (URI), 641 E. FM 1118, Kingsville, Texas 78363, a uranium mining company, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a permit minor amendment and renewal to authorize disposal of onsite generated nonhazardous wastes produced from groundwater restoration. The facility is located approximately 8 miles southeast of the city of Kingsville, and 4 miles east of the town of Ricardo in Kleberg County. TCEQ received permit applications for WDW247 and WDW248 on November 6, 2015. On August 29, 2016, URI requested the permit application of WDW247 be withdrawn, not yet drilled and let the permit expire. URI requested the following minor amendments to the WDW248 permit: 1) reduce the maximum injection rate from 300 gallons per minute (gpm) to 200 gpm; 2) reduce the average injection rate from 200 gpm to 100 gpm; and 3) reduce the permitted cumulative volume of wastewater injected from 105,120,000 gallons per year to 52,560,000 gallons per year. As a public courtesy, we have provided the following Web page to an online map of the site or the facility's general location. The online map is not part of the application or the notice: <<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=27.415&lng=-97.780277&zoom=13&type=r>>. For the exact location, refer to the application.

The TCEQ Executive Director has prepared a draft 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 application, 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, 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. – January 8, 2019
William P. Clements Building
300 West 15th Street, 4th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701**

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 May 8, 2018. 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.

In accordance with 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.401(a), Notice of Hearing, “Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.”

INFORMATION.

If you need more information about the hearing process for this application, please call the Public Education Program, toll free, at 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, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Dain McCoig 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