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## THE SENATE OF TEXAS



## Lois W. Kolkhorst

STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 18

September 30, 2022

Honorable Toby Baker Executive Director Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 12100 Park 35 Cir Austin, Texas 78753

Re: Goliad Groundwater District Public Hearing Request

Honorable Toby Baker,

I am respectfully requesting that your office grant a public hearing for permit numbers WDW 423 and WDW 424.

The Goliad Groundwater District wants to give the public an opportunity to hear more about these permits and to provide as much transparency as possible. It is our hope that these public hearings can be accommodated and held in Goliad.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Senator Lois W. Kolkhorst Texas Senate District 18

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

October 13, 2022

The Honorable Lois W. Kolkhorst Texas Senate P.O. Box 12068 Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711-2068

Re: Uranium Energy Corporation / Permit Nos. WDW423 and WDW424

Dear Senator Kolkhorst:

Thank you for your letter to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in support of the Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District's request for hearing on the application by Uranium Energy Corporation (UEC) for TCEQ Permit Nos. WDW423 and WDW424. UEC applied to the TCEQ for permit renewal and amendments to authorize the construction and operation of disposal wells to inject non-hazardous wastewater generated from the mining of uranium and groundwater restoration and reduce the permitted Maximum Allowable Surface Injection Pressure. The facility is proposed to be located at 14869 N US Hwy 183, Yorktown, 78164 in Goliad County, Texas.

I understand that staff in the TCEQ's Intergovernmental Relations Division explained the procedural status of the application and your letter requesting a public hearing. Public participation is an integral part of the permitting process. The public was able to provide written comments to the TCEQ anytime during the public comment period. The TCEQ takes these comments into consideration during the permitting process. Because there are pending requests for contested case hearing and reconsideration on the application, decisions on the requests and application will be considered by the TCEQ commissioners at a future regularly scheduled Agenda Meeting before any final decision on the applications will be made. Additional instructions explaining the commission's procedures will be sent to the commenters and requestors prior to the commission's Agenda Meeting. TCEQ staff will notify your staff when this matter is scheduled for an Agenda Meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 239-3900 or Ashley Forbes, Deputy Director, Radioactive Materials Division, (512) 239-0493.

Sincerely,

Toby Baker Executive Director

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