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Subject: Fwd: Renewal request:--TCEQ Enforcement Discretion Request on behalf of URI (Uranium Mining Permittee)
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:27:15 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Muhammadali Abbaszadeh <Muhammadali.Abbaszadeh@tceq.texas.gov>
Date: May 6, 2020 at 4:29:00 PM CDT
To: Duncan Norton [REDACTED]
Cc: Kelly Cook <Kelly.Cook@tceq.texas.gov>, Hoyt Henry <Hoyt.Henry@Tceq.Texas.Gov>, Ashley Forbes <ashley.forbes@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewal request:--TCEQ Enforcement Discretion Request on behalf of URI (Uranium Mining Permittee)

Dear Mr. Norton,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Office of Compliance and Enforcement has received your electronic mail dated May 4, 2020, regarding a request for another extension to plug and replace monitor well (MW) 33 in Production Area 2 (PA2), MW-82 and MW-92 in PA3 at URI's Kingsville Dome uranium recovery site located in Kleberg County.

The TCEQ appreciates receiving the new updates related to shelter-in place orders due to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) for both Kleberg County and the City of Kingsville and URI's plan to initiate steps to schedule the plugging and replacement of the subject monitor wells. URI has requested an extension until June 4, 2020, to plug and replace the subject monitor wells. The TCEQ hereby grants URI's request. URI shall maintain all applicable TCEQ Underground Injection Control (UIC) rules (i.e., §331.103) and permits requirements related to the plugging and replacement of the monitor wells. In addition, the subject monitor wells shall be plugged in accordance with TCEQ approved plugging procedures.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at (512) 438-9812 or email at muhammadali.abbaszadeh@tceq.texas.gov

Sincerely,

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Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:34 AM
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Kelly:

On April 1 2020, OCE approved URI's request for enforcement discretion to delay plugging and replacing 3 monitor wells at its Kingsville Dome site in Kleberg County. The email chain below tracks the request and your approval. The extension provided an expiration date of May 4 (today) and allowed the opportunity for URI to request another extension by that date.

On Friday, May 1, Kleberg Co. notified its citizens that they would not be extending the shelter-in-place Order beyond April 30, when it expired.

Here is a link to that Kleberg Co. notification:

<http://www.co.kleberg.tx.us/upload/page/6321/cov2.pdf>

URI is working today to get the URI office back up and running, and is planning on scheduling the plugging and drilling work to begin in the next week or two. The work could take up to 2 weeks to complete.

In light of these circumstances, URI is hereby asking for another extension with a new deadline of Thursday June 4, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, you may call me at 512-771-5624.

Duncan Norton

Attorney for URI