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Texas Monitoring Conference Call Summary
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Discussion: Status of Texas' Agreement State Program

Effective July 1, an organizational change involving the two Texas programs took place. The Department of State Health Services, (TSDS) had been responsible for the uranium recovery; now, the Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ) is managing the uranium mill program. The reorganization involved transferring staff from TSDS to TCEQ.

Since the last conference call, the Program lost one inspector in the Corpus Christi office. Now, the Program has two inspector vacancies. One position had been vacant since January 2007. However, the State has a "cap" on hiring (hiring freeze) due to budget constraints; therefore, the Program is not able to fill these vacancies. The cap is that each department must maintain 15 open positions, once the department has a 16th opening, it can be posted and filled.

Since the Program has two inspection position vacant, they are distributing the inspection workload between inspectors from other locations to ensure that inspections are kept-up-date. At present the Program is not behind on conducting inspections.

In June, a water line break occurred in the building where the TX program is located. This caused major flooding on the ground floor of the building and, a major disruption of communications, (i.e., phone, internet) for an extended time requiring staff to relocate. Because of this, issuance of inspection reports and enforcement actions was delayed. The staff is now in the process of completing and issuing the inspection reports .

The next quarterly monitoring call is scheduled for December 11, 2007, at 9 a.m. CT.

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