



# RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS

## TEXAS RADIATION ADVISORY BOARD

### Program Report for the Railroad Commission of Texas September 2015

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) staff continues to work with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) relating to jurisdiction, general licenses, permits and exemptions for the handling and disposal of Naturally Occurring radioactive Material (NORM) and Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM) on a case by case basis.

In regards to the proposed Rule published in 80 Federal Register 4156, on January 26, 2015 (uranium in-situ mining), The RRC concurs and fully supports the comments provided in the TCEQ correspondence of May 12, 2015, concluding that these proposed new rules be withdrawn.

The position detailed by TCEQ and formally supported by the RRC on May 26, 2015 is that the proposed rules would simply provide additional regulatory constraints and unnecessary burden to energy industries while providing no significant additional protection(s) of the ground water resources of the state of Texas than those already in place.