

Program Report for the Railroad Commission
January 6, 2007

1. Staff is drafting amendments to the MOU between the RRC and the TCEQ concerning Radioactive Materials.
 - a. Include identification of equipment used in exploration, production or disposal operations that contains or is contaminated with oil and gas NORM waste.
 - b. Include the disposal of radioactive tracer materials.

No updates since October 2006 Program Report.

2. Staff is drafting a new MOU between the RRC and the DSHS.
 - a. Implement and coordinate the requirements of the agencies in their licensing and permitting programs and clarify each agency's jurisdiction over radioactive materials and radioactive NORM wastes associated with oil and gas production.

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3. Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.
 - a. Halliburton submitted a request to the NRC to grant an amendment to the NRC license to allow a new well logging technology that uses a radioactive marker consisting of a continuous length of radioactive wire. The irradiated wire would be permanently cemented into place during completion of the production well. The activity is not authorized by RRC rules. Because the well is regulated by the RRC staff believes Halliburton needs special authorization from the RRC for installation, use, maintenance and ultimate disposal when the well is plugged. Staff plans to work with Halliburton on this issue.

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4. D & G Well.
 - a. The Commissioner's approved up to \$510,000.00 to plug the well. Plugging of the well should begin early next fiscal year. After the well is plugged cleanup will begin and could cost in the \$3 to \$4 million range.

Update since October 2006 Program Report: Plugging operations were completed October 25, 2006.

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