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WEEKLY UPDATE

1 JUNE 2017

UPCOMING HOT ISSUES AND IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Bird Creek Area, Pawhuska, Oklahoma

Region 6 is conducting Mechanical Integrity Tests (MIT) at the UIC wells closest to Bird Creek. Two wells passed testing. The 3rd well is being tested on Friday 2 June, and the fourth well passed an integrity test on May 4, 2017 and will be tested again next week. The fifth well, Greyhorse, failed an integrity test on May 4, 2017 and EPA revoked it's operating status and is shut down. This well must be re-tested before coming back into service after repairs are completed. The 48-hour shutdown for each well is currently scheduled to begin late next week or the week of 12 June. The shutdown will be done one well at a time to assess if there is an impact on Bird Creek related to any individual well. EPA has placed instream monitors to collect data to assist in the ongoing investigation of the elevated levels of TDS and temperature. EPA will continue to coordinate with the landowners, Osage Nation, Osage Minerals Council, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and other local stakeholders on actions related to this investigation.

Denka Pontchartrain Plant, LaPlace, LA

EPA is reviewing the state-proposed water discharge permit for the Denka Performance Elastomer LLC plant and must comment by May 31. LDEQ agreed to extend the comment deadline to June 8 to allow for continued discussions. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality provided clarifications for some of Region 6 initial comments on May 25, 2017, however some concerns with the state-proposed water discharge permit remain. EPA plans to issue a response letter by June 8 that provides some comments that will improve the State permit and make it more defensible. Denka is a new owner of a portion of this existing synthetic rubber manufacturer with neoprene and chloroprene manufacturing units.

Donna Canal Site, Donna, TX

The Donna Canal Superfund site is contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) which bio accumulates in fish. Region 6 fish "depopulation" activities continued this week. The purpose of the fish removal is to prevent human consumption by removing fish that may be contaminated with PCBs from the reservoir and canal system. The fish will be removed from the system by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service using electroshocking methods. EPA and TCEQ are developing a coordinated plan to permanently address pollution at the site and will meet on June 7. The state of Texas is a potential responsible party and cleanup cost will need legislature authorization during the 2018 session. Local media interest is high. The fish "depopulation" is taking place this week and is being covered by both print and TV media.

Camp Minden, Minden, LA

Louisiana Military Department (LMD) is expected to submit the overall draft site closure plan for EPA approval within the next week. We anticipate that the plan will include removal from the Contained Burn Unit from Minden. We have not received any further word from Army concerning purchasing or contracting for this unit to destroy more demilitarized munitions.

Colonial Creosote Superfund Site, Washington Parish, Bogalusa, LA

Region 6 will begin field sampling for the Remedial Investigation (RI) of the Colonial Creosote Superfund site, which will occur over a two-week period. An Information Meeting will also be conducted June 6 at Bogalusa's City Hall.

Devon Energy Corporation

On June 8, EPA Region 6 and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality are meeting with Devon Energy Corporation at the company's request to discuss aerial flyovers of Devon oil and gas facilities located in the Eagle Ford Shale area, southwest of San Antonio, Texas. The flyovers occurred in October and November of 2015 and used optical gas imaging technology. EPA identified numerous potential areas of noncompliance involving 56 Devon facilities as a result of the flyovers, and met with the company on June 26, 2016, to discuss flare and tank operations at the facilities. EPA has completed its review of additional information provided by Devon after the

meeting. EPA and TCEQ are meeting with the company to get an update of operations and improvements since the flyovers and any updates to the information provided by Devon in 2016.

Range Resources Corporation, Louisiana

Range contacted EPA and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality regarding an audit of CAA compliance at the newly-acquired assets and are seeking coverage under EPA's New Owners Audit policy. The company has 9 months to seek coverage (June 16). Range Resources acquired a number of new facilities (377 wells, 3 pipelines, 8 tank batteries, 2 dehydration facilities) in northern Louisiana via merger with Memorial Resource Development Corporation. The audit and corrective actions that Range Resources will implement following the audit will help bring the facilities into compliance with the CAA and help reduce VOC emissions. LDEQ does not have a state new owner audit program, but EPA is coordinating with LDEQ on the federal response as the state evaluates its response to the potential violations identified to date as well as next steps for moving the facilities into compliance.

Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP), LLC, Deepwater Port Complex, Louisiana

LOOP is the only port in the U.S. capable of offloading a wide range of vessels including Ultra Large Crude Carriers (ULCC) and Very Large Crude Carriers (VLCC) down to Medium Range (MR) Tankers. LOOP is a joint venture of Marathon Pipe Line LLC, Valero Terminal and Distribution Company, and Shell Oil Company. The water discharge permit is issued jointly by the state of Louisiana and Region 6, and the existing permit expired years ago. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Region 6 have been working with the facility to renew the discharge permit and incorporated whole effluent toxicity (WET) requirements for their brine discharge. On May 25, the parties met to discuss next steps.

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BLM/BIA Oil and Gas, Chaco Canyon, New Mexico

Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Indian Affairs are jointly preparing an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Farmington Resource Management Planning Area and BIA managed mineral leasing and associated activities. BLM/BIA have requested EPA participate in the EIS development as a cooperating agency and EPA currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding. EPA will support BLM by meeting our basic statutory requirements for participating in the environmental review process. BLM has been sued for failing to complete an EIS and ligation is pending. The preliminary draft EIS is expected in February 2018. Chaco Canyon is a high visibility project with a high level of citizen, state, tribal, Congressional and media interest. BLM/BIA are the lead Agencies and will maintain the responsibility to address all issues in the EIS.

UPCOMING PUBLIC EVENTS

June 15 – Village Green Air Monitoring Bench Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Health Museum, Houston, Texas

June 20 - Public hearing in Houston, Texas for the Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas General Permit

June 21 – Public hearing in New Orleans, Louisiana for the Proposed Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas General Permit

July 12 – EPA Regional Tribal Operation Committee meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico

July 27-28 – Children's Health Symposium at University of Texas at El Paso, Texas. EPA is sponsoring the event

September 17-21 - 19th Annual Stormwater Conference in San Antonio, TX. The Conference will inform and educate professionals on controls that can address water pollution

UPCOMING DECISIONS

Arkansas Regional Haze

Status Report on settlement talks due to Eighth Circuit Court on June 9. On Tuesday, May 30, 2017, EPA held a status update call with attorneys for Arkansas, EGUs, and industrial ratepayers. (Counsel for Enviros were invited but did not participate on the

call.) ADEQ received technical information from several of the companies as requested. Several companies (Entergy, Domtar, and AEP/SWEPCO) asked for extensions. Arkansas Attorney General stated that the companies until Friday June 2 to submit their information or ADEQ will finalize a SIP without that information. EPA stated its intent to submit a joint motion with the state requesting an additional abeyance of the litigation until July 24.

Texas Regional Haze

TCEQ Commissioner Bryan Shaw has met with Gov Abbott's office to discuss the path forward. We have letters from the TX AG asking that we hold air litigation with TX in abeyance until the parties have a chance to talk and EPA can reconsider some previous decisions. The AG has separately requested a meeting with EPA through DOJ. We anticipate scheduling these meetings after the Jun 6 update from TCEQ. TCEQ held a meeting with its EGU industries/industry associations on May 31 to discuss its SIP update around a BART alternative for state-wide SO2 budget/cap with an intrastate trading program and to get industry buy-in. On June 6, TCEQ will provide EPA a debrief of the meeting and, EPA expects, its decision on how it will update its SIP.

PAST WEEK ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Texas Mobile Source Incentive Program

Region 6 signed these five Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions that pertain to regulations to control air pollution from motor vehicles with mobile source incentive programs.

New Mexico Regional Haze Progress Report

Region 6 approved the New Mexico SIP revision progress report that assesses progress towards regional haze reasonable progress goals.

Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the Dallas-Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Area

Region 6 approved the Texas SIP revision for vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) and nonattainment new source review (NNSR) are met in the Dallas-Fort Worth for the 2008 ozone air quality standard.

Infrastructure and Interstate Transport for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards in Oklahoma

Region 6 approved portions of the Oklahoma infrastructure SIP submission for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS. We are taking no action with regard to the proposed

disapproval.

Final PCB Authorization for Dow, Lake Jackson facility

Region 6 reauthorized Dow to continue to dispose and store Dow generated liquid and solid PCBs for an additional 5-year period.

PENDING ACTIONS (Pending Federal Register Publication)

•□□□□□□□□ Final Authorization of Louisiana Waste Management Program Revisions; Proposed Rule and Direct Final Rule

•□□□□□□□□ Final Authorization of Oklahoma Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions; Proposed Rule and Direct Final Rule

•□□□□□□□□ Texas Revisions to the General Definitions for Texas Air Quality Rules

•□□□□□□□□ Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) Emissions Banking and Trading Programs

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