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Region 6 Weekly Update
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Hot Topics

Craft Turney Water Supply Corporation, Jacksonville, Texas
On October 12, a do not use order was lifted for the expanded area of a hydraulic pressure plane impacted by the backflow of a fungicide into the drinking water distribution system served by the Craft-Turney Water Supply Corporation. Test results released by the EPA Houston lab on October 12, showed no presence of methylene bis-thiocyanate (a fungicide compound) in the samples. However, the do not use order remains in effect in a small section of 11 houses near the suspected area of the release. A public meeting was held on October 15 in Jacksonville to keep the residents informed of developments.

Camp Minden Community Meeting, Minden, Louisiana
On October 22, EPA plans to attend the Camp Minden Community Advisory Group meeting for an update from the Army National Guard plans for conducting off-installation resampling of groundwater and surface water. The Army National Guard will present a map of proposed sample locations that include 20 drinking water wells, 22 boundary monitoring wells and two surface water downstream locations. Resampling activities are to address public concerns regarding potential contamination migration from its existing locations at Camp Minden.

Chevron Questa Mine Work Oversight, Questa, New Mexico
On October 22-26, EPA, in coordination with the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Energy, and Minerals, Natural Resources Department, Mineral and Mining Division, and the US Army Corp of Engineers plans to conduct oversight of tailing removal at the Lower Dump Sump, sampling and removal of soils potentially contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls; and tailing pipeline removal work. Site visits are planned for areas that have the potential to be used as areas for wetland mitigation due to destruction of jurisdictional wetlands during CERCLA removal work.

Major Decisions and Events

Exceptional Events Mitigation Plan, Dona Ana and Luna Counties, NM
By October 25, Region 6 intends to determine the completeness of NMED's Exceptional Event Mitigation Plan for PM10 High Wind Dust Events in Dona Ana and Luna Counties, New Mexico. The plan was submitted on September 25 and the Region performed a completeness review of the plan for regulatory requirements.

Pueblo of Zia, New Mexico
By October 31, EPA anticipates approval of the Pueblo of Zia's Clean Air Act Treatment in the Same Manner as a State (TAS) application.

SO2 Redesignation Request, Independence County, Arkansas
By November 2, EPA intends to propose action on a May 11, 2018 request from Governor Hutchinson of Arkansas for redesignation of Independence County from unclassifiable to unclassifiable/attainment based on new modeling. This is expected to be the first such action in the country.

Arkansas Regional Haze Phase II SIP Revision, Arkansas
November 9, EPA intends to propose action on ADEQ's Regional Haze Phase II SIP revision that addresses SO2 and PM BART requirements for EGUs and to withdraw the FIP requirements for those sources. Sierra Club is challenging the state's submission of the final SIP to EPA because of the lack of legislative review and approval.

TXI Industries, Ellis County, Texas
By November 9, EPA intends to propose converting our earlier conditional approval to full approval of revisions to the Texas SIP addressing NOx Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) for the TXI Operations, LP cement manufacturing plant in Ellis County, Texas. TCEQ adopted this SIP revision on August 21, 2018.

October 24	Louisiana Air and Waste Management Association Annual Conference Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 25	Dallas Bar Association Environmental Law Section, Dallas, Texas
October 25	Meeting with TEJAS (Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services), Dallas, Texas
October 26	Eagle Picher Rural Health Clinic Grand Opening, Henrietta, Oklahoma
October 30	Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Annual Meeting, Ft. Worth, Texas