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TECHNICAL PROGRESS REPORT
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This technical report is a summary of the progress made for “A Guidance Document for Kentucky’s Oil and Gas Operators”. During this quarter, the document received continued review and editing in an electronic format to satisfy the United States Department of Energy (DOE). Comments received from oil and gas operators reviewing this document prompted contact to be made with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to develop an addendum section to provide better explanation of USEPA requirements for Class II injection wells in Kentucky.

Some delays in the Guidance Document were encountered this quarter. The subcommittee felt it necessary to obtain a consultant familiar with both state and USEPA requirements for operators of Class II, UIC wells in Kentucky and how they relate to oil and gas industry issues. The consultant was necessary to fill a void not currently available with the subcommittee members, and be able to bridge the gap between state, federal and industry concerns. Subcommittee meetings were cancelled this quarter awaiting the approval of the consultant.

During the next quarter, meetings of the subcommittee and Region IV of the USEPA to develop the addendum section will be scheduled.