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This technical report is a summary of the accomplishments toward completion of “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.

During February of this year the consultant hired to develop the Class II, UIC addendum section to the Guidance Document met with the USEPA and state personnel responsible for regulation of the Class II, UIC program in Kentucky. At this meeting a review of the federal and state regulatory procedures used for administration of the UIC program was made. Emphasis was directed to summarizing the addendum section in a format usable by the small oil and gas operators in Kentucky. A draft of the addendum section is underway incorporating the ideas and comments received during this meeting.

During the next quarter, a meeting of the subcommittee and Region IV of the USEPA will be scheduled. A review of a draft of the addendum section of the document will be made and necessary revisions incorporated toward final completion of the Guidance Document.