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TECHNICAL PROGRESS REPORT

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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 (U. S. EPA) to develop an addendum section to provide better explanation of U.S. EPA requirements for Class II injection wells in Kentucky.

During May of this year the consultant hired to develop the Class II, UIC addendum section to the guidance document met a second time with the U.S. EPA and state personnel responsible for regulation of the Class II, UIC program in Kentucky, to review a draft of the document. This draft was discussed during the meeting with the U.S. EPA and will receive additional editing and comment during the next quarter.

A one-year extension of time, from July 3, 1998 to July 31, 1999 was approved by DOE to allow the guidance document and UIC addendum section to be submitted to the public at several outreach meetings within the oil and gas producing areas of the state. It is hoped the meetings will better explain the intended purpose of the document and facilitate discussions on compliance matters. The Statement of Work was amended to allow for the outreach meetings and to conduct a review of Kentucky Rules and Regulations in comparison with required U. S. EPA, UIC Rules. A report outlining the steps and changes in order to meet U. S. EPA requirements for Primacy of the UIC Program will be written, hopefully enabling the state of Kentucky to make a primacy application to the U. S. EPA.

During the next quarter, a draft of the document and U. S. EPA addendum section will be completed in a format acceptable to the DOE. During the following quarters the draft document will be submitted to the public during outreach meetings, and any changes resulting from the outreach will be submitted as the final document to the DOE on or before July 31, 1999.