

The Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District (GCGCD) is pleased to note that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed and posted for public comment a set of proposed rules dealing exclusively with In-Situ uranium mining. These proposed rules are available for viewing in the Federal Register at www.regulations.gov Search for Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings.

GCGCD has spent considerable time for the last eight years dealing with the potential of in-situ uranium mining in Goliad County. GCGCD has had considerable input to the EPA dealing with the permitting of potential uranium mining operations near Ander. These efforts were to protect the drinking water supply for the agricultural community and economy of the county. GCGCD raised valid concerns that was felt needed to be addressed.

GCGCD is pleased that many of its concerns, including long term water quality monitoring, are now included in the proposed rules. GCGCD is also pleased that the EPA acknowledged the work of the Goliad Water District in the EPA explanation of its proposed rules. This included modeling done by Daniel B. Stephens and Associates (DBS&A) done for GCGCD in 2007.

On March 10, 2015, Mr. Neil Blandford with DBS&A testified in Washington DC on behalf of GCGCD at the public hearing for these proposed rules. His feedback has been positive and he noted that Goliad County was included in conversations. There will be an additional public hearing on these proposed rules in Corpus Christi to be announced at a later date. GCGCD asks for your support in attending the meeting in Corpus Christi. Check our website at www.goliadcogcd.org for future information.