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Executive Director

OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

KEVIN STITT  
Governor

May 20, 2021

Dear Licensee:

On March 31, 2020, we sent out an announcement that due to the pandemic and declarations of emergency, we would seek to reduce the regulatory burden and defer enforcement on various routine requirements such as audits, leak tests, radiation safety committee meetings, etc. A copy of the letter is enclosed. Note that the letter required licensees to document measures that were deferred; including a rationale and any substitute measures used during the emergency. Please ensure you have completed this documentation for anything deferred during the emergency.

The state of emergency declared by the Governor has ended, and we will be resuming normal operations. As of June 1, 2021, our enforcement discretion on the above requirements will cease. We realize licensees will not be able to implement all requirements overnight. Therefore, we will accept a memo outlining your schedule to return to compliance with these requirements during a two-month transition period (through August 1, 2021). Please maintain a copy of this memo on file for us. For our inspections through August 1, 2021, we will expect compliance with the steps included in your transition memo. After August 1, 2021, we will expect to see full compliance on all pre-pandemic rules.

We encourage you to prioritize restarting the most important steps for your type of facility first. If your facility has a Radiation Safety Committee, and it has not been meeting remotely or in some other way during the pandemic, we especially encourage you to resume meetings as soon as possible.

The DEQ main office is now open to the public. All visitors will require an escort. We strongly recommend that you make an appointment for any visit to ensure that the person you need will be available. We will be resuming normal on-site inspections of licensees at that time.



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We thank and congratulate all our licensees for their cooperation and work keeping radiation safety a priority during this emergency. If you have questions, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Broderick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Broderick

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Enclosures: as noted