

in support of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) rulemaking actions. RCRA, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments, requires EPA to establish a national regulatory program to ensure that hazardous waste is managed in a manner protective of human health and the environment. EPA is authorized under section 2002 and 3007 of RCRA to collect information from industry and other parties when necessary to carry out its regulatory responsibilities. The information collected will be used to assess the costs and benefits of various potential regulatory and nonregulatory actions. Executive Order 12866 specifies that all administrative decisions shall be based on adequate information concerning the need for and consequences of proposed government action. To this end, Executive Order No. 12866 requires the preparation and evaluation of an assessment of costs and benefits for all proposed regulatory actions determined to be significant. This generic clearance simplifies the authorization process to develop and administer surveys, interviews and focus group meetings and provides OSW with the flexibility needed to conduct information collection in a rapid and efficient manner. An important element in preparing an Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) may include the administration of surveys, interview and focus group meetings to obtain data from the regulated community and other interested parties. OSW often needs to collect such information and perform analysis over a short time frame. It is for this reason that the Agency is currently requesting renewal of this Information Collection Request (ICR).

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR Chapter 15. The **Federal Register** Notice required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on 4/30/97 (FRL-5819-2); no comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 12 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize

technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:** Hazardous waste generators, scientists, industry experts, and treatment storage and disposal facilities.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1000.

**Frequency of Response:** 1.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 12,000 hours.

**Estimated Total Annualized Cost Burden:** \$0.

Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including through the use of automated collection techniques to the following addresses. Please refer to EPA ICR No. 1641.02 and OMB Control No. 2050-0136 in any correspondence.

Ms. Sandy Farmer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, OPPE Regulatory Information Division (2137), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460 and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for EPA 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 8, 1997.

**Joseph Retzer,**

*Director, Regulatory Information Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5891-3]

### Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes in Montana; Underground Injection Control; Primacy Application

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period and of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce that: the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") has received a submission of a proposed

underground injection control ("UIC") program for Class II (oil and gas related) injection wells from the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes ("Tribes") in Montana; the EPA has determined that the Tribes' submission is complete; the submission is available to the public for inspection and copying; the EPA requests public comment on the Tribes' application; and the EPA has scheduled a public hearing regarding the Tribes' application.

**DATES:** The public hearing will be held on Thursday, October 16, 1997. The EPA asks that any requests to speak at this hearing be submitted by Wednesday, October 8, 1997. All written comments on this application must be received by Friday, October 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in the Cultural Center, Highway 2, Poplar, Montana, at 7 p.m. Written comments regarding the Tribes' application and requests to speak at the hearing should be mailed to Douglas K. Minter, Ground Water Unit (8P2-W-GW), Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80202-2466, by the deadlines provided above. Copies of the application and pertinent materials are available between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following locations:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Ground Water Unit, 4th Floor Terrace, 999 18th Street, Denver, CO 80202-2466, PH: 303 312-6079.

Fort Peck Tribal Offices, 605 Indian Avenue, Poplar, MT 59255, PH: 406-768-5155.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Montana Office Building, Federal Office Building, 301 S. Park, Helena, MT 59626-0096, PH: 406-441-1140.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas K. Minter, Ground Water Unit (8P2-W-GW), Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2466, (303) 312-6079.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The UIC program was implemented to prevent contamination of all underground sources of drinking water (USDWs). These are aquifers capable of yielding a significant amount of water containing less than 10,000 mg/liter of total dissolved solids, that have not been exempted under the provisions of 40 CFR 146.4. (See 40 CFR 144.3.)

One potential source of USDW contamination is a type of injection well known as a Class II underground

injection well. Class II wells dispose (via injection) of fluids that are brought to the surface in connection with natural gas storage operations or primary oil or natural gas development and production. These fluids may be commingled with waste waters from gas plants which are an integral part of production operations, unless these fluids are classified as a hazardous waste at the time of production. Class II wells also may inject fluids for enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas or for storage of hydrocarbons which are liquid at standard temperature and pressure. (See 40 CFR Section 144.6.)

If the application by the Fort Peck Tribes is approved, the Tribes would be responsible for regulating injection into Class II wells. The program described in the Tribes' application would require that any injection into Class II wells be done in compliance with Tribally-issued permits, which will include technical requirements for the protection of USDWs. These requirements include criteria for construction, testing, operation, monitoring, and abandonment of Class II injection wells. At present, there are approximately 28 Class II injection wells on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation.

The EPA has held primary enforcement authority for the UIC program on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana since the program was implemented in 1984. If the Tribes' application is approved, the Tribes would assume primary enforcement authority (except for the authority to take criminal actions against non-Indians, which the EPA would retain) for the regulation of all Class II injection wells on all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. The EPA would retain regulatory and enforcement authority for all other classes of injection wells. However, the Tribes would not be prevented from implementing any more stringent enforcement program of their own for any type of injection wells.

The Tribes' submission includes a proposed Tribal Code, a program description, copies of all applicable rules and forms, statements from Tribal counsel, and a proposed memorandum of agreement between the EPA and the Tribes.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-5484-3]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or (202) 564-7153. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements filed September 2, 1997 through September 5, 1997 pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 970350, Draft EIS, COE, CA, Upper Guadalupe River Feasibility Study, Flood Control Protection, Construction, National Economic Development Plan (NED), Santa Clara Valley Water District, City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, CA, Due: October 27, 1997, Contact: William DeJager (415) 977-8670.

EIS No. 970351, Draft EIS, BLM, NV, Olinghouse Mine Project, Construction of Two Open Pits, Waste Dump, Haul Road and Cyanide Heap Leach Pads, Plan-of-Operation, Carson City, Washoe County, NV, Due: November 14, 1997, Contact: Terri Knutson (702) 885-6156.

EIS No. 970352, Draft EIS, FHW, WA, NE 8TH/I-405 Interchange Project, Construction, Funding, Right-of-Way Use Permit and NPDES Stormwater Permit, City of Bellevue, King County, WA, Due: October 27, 1997, Contact: Gene Fong (425) 452-6827.

EIS No. 970353, Draft Supplement, COE, CA, Sacramento River Bank Protection Project, Implementation of Streambank Protection for the Lower American River between RM-0 and 13.7, Updated Information, City of Sacramento, Sacramento County, CA, Due: October 27, 1997, Contact: Matt Davis (916) 557-1534.

EIS No. 970354, Final EIS, AFS, WA, Long Draw Salvage Sale, Implementation, Okanogan National Forest, Tonasket Ranger District, Okanogan County, WA, Due: October 14, 1997, Contact: John Townsley (509) 826-3568.

EIS No. 970355, Final EIS, AFS, AZ, Eastern Roosevelt Lake Watershed Analysis Area Grazing Strategy and Associated Range Improvements Management Plan, Development and

Implementation, Tonto National Forest, Tonto Basin Ranger District, Gila County, AZ, Due: October 14, 1997, Contact: Linny Warren (520) 467-3200.

EIS No. 970356, Final EIS, FHW, VA, DC, MD, Woodrow Wilson Bridge Improvement, I-95 from the Telegraph Road/Capital Beltway Interchange in Alexandria, VA to the MD-210/Capital Beltway Interchange in Oxon Hill, MD, Funding, Section 10 and 404 Permits and CGD Bridge Permit, Fairfax County, VA; Prince George's County, MD, and DC, Due: October 14, 1997, Contact: David C. Lawton (410) 962-0077.

### Amended Notices

EIS No. 970290, Final EIS, FHW, CO, CO-82 Highway Transportation Project, Improvements to "Entrance to Aspen", Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, City of Aspen, Pitkin County, CO, Due: October 6, 1997, Contact: Ron Speral (303) 969-6737. Published FR-09-12-97—Review Period Reestablished.

Dated: September 9, 1997.

**William D. Dickerson,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5892-2]

### National Drinking Water Advisory Council Operator Certification Working Group; Notice of Open Meeting

Under section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Operator Certification Working Group of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council, established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. S300f *et seq.*), will be held on September 22, 1997, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on September 23, 1997, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Meeting Room 4, at the Renaissance Washington D.C. Hotel, 999 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public to observe, but due to past experience, seating will be limited.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the key standards for a State operator certification program. The working group members are meeting to discuss and comment on proposed issue papers for deliberation by the advisory council. Statements from the public will