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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6215-7]

### Call for Peer Reviewers and Data on Aquifer Storage and Recovery Wells, Aquifer Recharge Wells, Saline Intrusion Barrier Wells, Subsidence Control Wells, and Aquifer Remediation Injection Wells; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V Study

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Call for peer review nominations; request for scientific information.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is inviting nominations of qualified candidates for peer review committees addressing reports on Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) Wells. We are also seeking supplementary information, studies, and research pertaining to Aquifer Recharge and ASR Wells.

**DATES:** Please submit information and nominations by February 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit to: Ms. Amber Moreen; USEPA; 401 M St., SW (4606); Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-4891; e-mail: moreen.amber@epamail.epa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Anhar Karimjee; Class V Study Manager; USEPA; 401 M St., SW (4606); Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-3862; e-mail: karimjee.anhar@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A study of Underground Injection Control Class V

wells is being conducted to satisfy a consent decree with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund. The decree requires that a study of all Class V wells not currently slated for regulation be completed by September 1999. The results of the study will be used to help the Agency determine whether to regulate each subclass of Class V well and propose any necessary regulations by April 2001. Wells for which we are seeking experts and information include:

(1) **Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Wells** are used to inject fluids for later recovery and use. These wells may have a secondary purpose such as aquifer recharge. EPA is drafting reports which summarize the available information on these wells.

(2) **Aquifer Recharge Wells** are used to inject fluids to recharge an aquifer. These wells may have secondary purposes such as saline intrusion prevention, subsidence control, or aquifer storage and recovery (ASR).

(3) **Saline Intrusion Barrier Wells** are used to inject fluids to prevent the intrusion of salt water into an aquifer. These wells may have secondary purposes such as aquifer recharge.

(4) **Subsidence Control Wells** are used to control land subsidence caused by ground water withdrawal, or over pumping of oil and gas. These wells may have secondary purposes such as aquifer recharge.

(5) **Aquifer Remediation Wells** are used to clean up, treat, or prevent contamination of underground sources of drinking water (USDWs). Treated ground water (pump and treat), bioremediation agents, or other recovery enhancement materials may be injected into the subsurface via Class V wells. These wells may be associated with RCRA or CERCLA projects.

#### Nomination of Peer Reviewers

EPA is drafting reports which summarize the available information on these wells. We anticipate that these reports will be from 25 to 40 pages long. The peer reviewers will comment on the technical accuracy and completeness of the draft documents addressing the subclass of injection well. Selection for peer reviewers will be based on demonstrated capability and professional accomplishment in the indicated area of specialization, in the conduct or management of scientific or engineering research and in applying research to ground water issues. Nominations must include a resume describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee and the nominee's current address and daytime telephone number.

To avoid conflicts of interest, candidates should provide their previous employment and any financial or other interests that could possibly be relevant to the study.

#### Submission of Information

The UIC program is providing an opportunity for public involvement. While the Agency has drafted a report on these wells, there may be other articles or unpublished studies of which we are not aware. The Agency would greatly appreciate receiving scientific information from the public. The most useful documents for EPA are unpublished studies or other primary technical sources that we may not otherwise obtain through open literature searches. For a list of articles and studies included in the current report, please consult <http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/uic/cl5study.html>. Also note, if you have submitted information previously there is no need to resubmit that information.

Interested persons should provide a list briefly describing scientific comments, analyses, studies, and other pertinent scientific information they wish to submit. Where possible, documents should be listed in scientific citation format, that is, author(s), title, journal, and date. Please note that the correspondence is a Class V Study Submission, the well subclass it pertains to, and include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons to contact for additional information on the submission. The submission should be mailed to the aforementioned address or submitted electronically to [moreen.amber@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:moreen.amber@epamail.epa.gov). Information will also be accepted on 3.5" floppy disks.

Dated: December 28, 1998.

**Elizabeth Fellows,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6215-8]

### Call for Data on Class V Wells Including Agriculture and Storm Water Drainage Wells, Large Capacity Septic Systems and Geothermal Wells; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V Study

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Request for scientific information.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking supplementary information, studies, and research pertaining to subclasses of Class V Underground Injection Wells.

**DATES:** Please submit information in response to this notice by February 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit to: Ms. Amber Moreen; USEPA; 401 M St., SW (4606); Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-4891; e-mail: moreen.amber@epamail.epa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Anhar Karimjee; Class V Study Manager; USEPA; 401 M St., SW (4606); Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-3862; e-mail: karimjee.anhar@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A study of Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V wells is being conducted to satisfy a consent decree with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund. The decree requires that a study of all Class V wells not currently slated for regulation be completed by September 1999. The results of the study will be used to help the Agency determine whether to regulate each subclass of Class V well and propose any necessary regulations by April 2001. Wells for which we are seeking information include:

(1) Agricultural Drainage Wells include all wells receiving agricultural runoff. This includes improved sinkholes and abandoned drinking water wells receiving agricultural runoff, wells that recharge aquifers with agricultural tail waters, and wells used to drain flood irrigation.

(2) Storm Water Drainage Wells are shallow injection wells designed for the disposal of rain water and melted snow. These wells typically drain paved areas such as streets and parking lots, or roofs. Improved sinkholes and abandoned drinking water wells receiving storm water runoff are considered to be storm water drainage wells.

(3) Large-Capacity Septic Systems are used to dispose of sanitary waste through a septic tank used by a multiple dwelling, business establishment, community, or regional business establishment for the injection of wastes. Systems serving single families and non-residential systems serving less than 20 persons are not included.

(4) Geothermal Wells:

A. Heat Pump/Air Conditioning Return Flow Wells reinject ground water that has been passed through a heat exchanger in order to heat or cool buildings. A heat pump takes thermal

energy from the ground water and transfers it to the space being heated. When cooling is required the heat pump removes heat from a building and transfers it to the ground water. For the purposes of the study, only open loop heat pump/AC return flow wells are considered.

B. Direct Heat Return Flow Wells dispose of spent geothermal fluids following the extraction of heat used directly (without conversion to electric power or passed through a heat exchanger) to heat homes, swimming pools, etc.

C. Electric Power Return Flow Wells dispose of spent geothermal fluids following the extraction of heat for the production of electric power.

#### Submission of Information

The UIC program is providing an opportunity for public involvement. While the Agency conducts a thorough literature search, there may be other articles or unpublished studies of which we are not aware. The Agency would greatly appreciate receiving scientific information from the public. The most useful documents for EPA are unpublished studies or other primary technical sources that we may not otherwise obtain through open literature searches. For a list of articles and studies included in the current report, please consult <http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/uic/cl5study.html>. Also note, if you have submitted information previously there is no need to resubmit that information.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6215-9]

### Call for Peer Reviewers and Data on Aquaculture Injection Wells, Mining Wells, Sewage Treatment Effluent Wells, and Other Class V Injection Wells Including Certain Industrial Wells; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V Study

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Call for peer review nominations; request for scientific information.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is inviting nominations of qualified candidates for peer review committees addressing reports on Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) Wells. We are also seeking supplementary information, studies, and research pertaining to Class V UIC Wells.

**DATES:** Please submit information and nominations in response to this notice by February 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit to: Ms. Amber Moreen; USEPA; 401 M St., SW (4606); Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-4891; e-mail: moreen.amber@epamail.epa.gov.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A study of Underground Injection Control Class V wells is being conducted to satisfy a consent decree with the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund. The decree requires that a study of all Class V wells not currently slated for regulation be completed by September 1999. The results of the study will be used to help the Agency determine whether to regulate each subclass of Class V well and propose any necessary regulations by April 2001. Wells for which we are seeking experts and information include:

(1) Aquaculture Injection Wells dispose of water used for cultivation of marine and freshwater animals and plants.

(2) Mining Wells:

A. In-Situ Fossil Fuel Recovery Wells are used for in-situ recovery of lignite, coal, tar sands, and oil shale. The wells inject water, air, oxygen, solvents, combustibles, or explosives into underground coal or oil shale beds to liberate fossil fuels. Underground coal