

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY **REGION III** 1650 Arch Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program Notice of Final Permit for Pennsylvania General Energy, LLC

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III announced on March 19, 2014, the issuance of a final permit under the authority of the federal UIC regulations at 40 CFR Parts 124, 144, 146 and 147 to Pennsylvania General Energy, LLC (PGE). This permit authorizes the construction and operation of a UIC Class II-D (brine disposal) injection well, located in Grant Township, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

EPA Region III public noticed the draft permit and statement of basis for this permit application on September 18, 2013, and held a public hearing on October 28, 2013, at the Grant Township Municipal Building located in Marion Center, PA. EPA Region III evaluated oral testimony presented at the hearing as well as written comments received during the public comment period. Based on all of the public comments received, EPA is issuing a final permit to PGE. The final permit has an added provision in Part II, Section B.2 which requires the automatic shut down of injection in the event that the well incurs a mechanical integrity failure.

The administrative record for this permitting action remains available for public review during normal business hours at the Office of Drinking Water & Source Water Protection, Ground Water & Enforcement Branch (3WP22), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Copies of the final permit and EPA Region III's responsiveness summary to public comments are available for review at the following EPA Region III websites:

http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/pdf/public notices/PennsylvaniaGeneralEnergyResponsivenessSummary.pdf http://www.epa.gov/reg3wapd/pdf/public notices/PennsylvaniaGeneralEnergyFinalPermit.pdf

The responsiveness summary also describes the procedure for appealing this permit decision. A petition for review of the permit must be filed within 30 days of the date of the effective date of this notice, as described in more detail in the responsiveness summary.

Individuals interested in further information regarding this permit decision may contact Stephen Platt by email at platt.steve@epa.gov, by telephone at 215-814-5464, or through regular mail at the above address.