



## Mid-Atlantic Water Protection Public Notices

### List of Current Notices

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#### Notices from the Land & Chemicals Management Division

#### Notices from the Environmental Assessment and Innovation Division

### Current Public Notices

- Windfall Oil and Gas, Brady Township, Clearfield County, PA
- Bear Lake Properties, Columbus Township, Warren County, PA
- Frederick County, MD
- Benson Energy, Keating Township, McKean County, PA
- Goose Creek Watershed, Chester County, PA

When submitting comments, please provide the following information:

- your full name
- mailing address
- telephone number
- e-mail, and the
- docket number for the case

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 3  
WATER PROTECTION DIVISION, OFFICE OF DRINKING WATER AND SOURCE WATER PROTECTION  
GROUND WATER ENFORCEMENT BRANCH (3WP22)  
1650 ARCH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19103**

### **UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL (UIC) PROGRAM**

#### **NOTICE OF FINAL PERMIT FOR WINDFALL OIL AND GAS**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, announced on October 31, 2014, the issuance of a final permit under the authority of the federal UIC regulations at 40 CFR Parts 124, 144, 145, 146 and 147 to Windfall Oil and Gas of Falls Creek, Pennsylvania. This permit authorizes the construction and operation of a UIC Class II-D commercial brine disposal injection well, the Zelman #1, located in Brady Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

EPA Region III first issued a final permit for this well on February 14, 2014, after holding a public hearing on this proposed permit on December 10, 2012, at the Brady Township Community Center in Luthersburg, PA, and receiving written comments on the permit during two comment periods. After Region III issued the permit, several petitioners appealed the permit to the EPA Environmental Appeals Board (EAB). At the request of Region III, the EAB remanded the permit to the Region on June 10, 2014. Following the remand, the EPA Region III evaluated oral testimony presented at the hearing as well as written comments received during the public comment period. Because this evaluation did not reveal substantial new questions which were not already subject to public comment during the two comment periods, the Region did not announce a third comment period for the draft permit.

After reviewing and evaluating the public comments anew, EPA Region III is issuing the same final permit to Windfall Oil and Gas as the permit issued on February 2014, with one change from the draft permit that imposes additional requirements for well casing and cementing, as specified in Part III, A.2 of the permit. EPA Region III also explains with more details, in the response to comments document, why it believes that this permit complies with the requirements of the UIC program and is protective of the area's underground sources of drinking water. Copies of the final permit and EPA Region III's response to comments document are available for review:

[Windfall Final Permit \(PDF\) \(14pp, 2.42MB\)](#)

[Windfall Oil and Gas Response to Summary Comments\(PDF\) \(26pp, 6.84MB\)](#)

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

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

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**BEAR LAKE PROPERTIES PERMIT #PAS2D217BWAR**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 2014**

**NOTICE:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (EPA) plans to issue one Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit to Bear Lake Properties (Bear Lake) under the authority of the Federal UIC regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 124,144,146 and 147. This permit is necessary to operate the Class II-D commercial brine disposal injection well.

**DESCRIPTION:** Bear Lake submitted an application for a UIC Class II commercial disposal injection well permit. The well would be used for the injection of fluids produced in association with oil and gas production operations. The injection well is located in Columbus Township Warren County, Pennsylvania. EPA has developed a draft permit which allows Bear Lake to convert and operate a brine disposal well to inject produced fluids from oil and gas operations into the Medina Group at a depth of approximately 4286 feet.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT:** EPA requests public comment on its findings that the proposed injection activity in the draft permit is unlikely to pose a risk to underground sources of drinking water. Please mail public comments on the draft UIC permit to the EPA address listed above to the attention of Brian Poe, or e-mail comments to [poe.brian@epa.gov](mailto:poe.brian@epa.gov), by Friday October 31, 2014. **A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for October 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Bear Lakes Volunteer Fire Department located at 315 Center Street, Bear Lake, PA 16402. Requests to hold a public hearing must be received by EPA in the office listed above by October 21, 2014.** When requesting a public hearing, please state the nature of the issues you propose to raise. EPA expressly reserves the right to cancel this hearing unless a significant degree of public interest, specific to the proposed underground injection permit, is evidenced by the above date.

**AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION:** The Administrative Record for this draft permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the offices of U.S. EPA Region III, at the address shown above. All information submitted by the applicant, unless deemed confidential, is included in the Administrative Record and is available to the public for