

Seneca Resources newly permitted Class II disposal well is located approximately three miles from a Class II enhanced recovery project currently owned and operated by American Refining Group (ARG) Resources. Seneca Resources permit allows injection into the Elk 3 Sand formation which is stratigraphically deeper than the Kane Sand.

Beginning in the early 1970's, Pennzoil began the development of a water flood of the Kane Sand, in the Kane oilfield, which is approximately 12 miles long and 1 mile wide, and is located in parts of Elk, Forest, and McKean Counties, Pa. Pennzoil was operating hundreds of Class II enhanced recovery injection wells in the Kane Field when in June of 1985 EPA began direct implementation of the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program. Subsequently, Pennzoil applied for and was granted four UIC permits to construct additional injection wells. In 1995 Pennzoil sold the leases in the Kane field to Pennsylvania General Energy Corporation (PGE). In early 2000, ARG Resources purchased from PGE these same oil, gas and mineral leases located in the Kane Field.

In January of 2012, a new injection well constructed by ARG Resources in the Kane Field was observed to be communicating with an abandoned oil well which had been plugged by S&T Services and Supply, Inc. and contracted to ARG. Investigation of this and other wells plugged by S&T, specifically those plugged by Ron Wright, an employee of S&T, has resulted in a criminal indictment to be filed by the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania. All wells plugged by Ron Wright are located outside the area of review as defined in the Seneca permit.

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