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(d) *Statement of legal authority.* (1) "Underground Injection Control Program for Class II Wells: Attorney General's Statement," signed by Mark V. Meierhery, Attorney General, South Dakota, on January 16, 1984.

(e) The Program Description and any other materials submitted as part of the original application or as supplements thereto.

[50 FR 7061, Feb. 20, 1985, as amended at 56 FR 9419, Mar. 6, 1991]

§ 147.2101 EPA-administered program—Class I, III, IV and V wells and all wells on Indian lands.

(a) *Contents.* The UIC program for all Class I, III, IV, and V wells, including those on Indian lands, and for Class II wells on Indian lands in the state of South Dakota is administered by EPA. This program consists of the UIC program requirements of 40 CFR parts 124, 144, 146, 148, and any additional requirements set forth in the remainder of this subpart. Injection well owners and operators, and EPA shall comply with these requirements.

(b) *Effective date.* The effective date of the UIC program for Class I, III, IV and V wells on all lands in South Dakota, including Indian lands, and for Class II wells on Indian lands only, is December 30, 1984.

[52 FR 17682, May 11, 1987, as amended at 56 FR 9419, Mar. 6, 1991]

§ 147.2102 Aquifer exemptions.

(a) This section identifies any aquifers or their portions exempted in accordance with §§ 144.7(b) and 146.4 of this chapter at the time of program promulgation. EPA may in the future exempt other aquifers or their portions, according to applicable procedures, without codifying such exemptions in this section. An updated list of exemptions will be maintained in the Regional office.

(b) Those portions of all aquifers located on Indian Lands, which meet the definition of USDW and into which existing Class II wells are injecting, are exempted within a ¼ mile radius of the well for the purpose of Class II injection activities only.

[49 FR 45308, Nov. 15, 1984]

§ 147.2103 Existing Class II enhanced recovery and hydrocarbon storage wells authorized by rule.

(a) *Maximum injection pressure.* (1) To meet the operating requirements of § 144.28(f)(3)(ii) (A) and (B) of this chapter, the owner or operator:

(i) Shall use an injection pressure no greater than the pressure established by the Regional Administrator for the field or formation in which the well is located. The Regional Administrator shall establish such a maximum pressure after notice, opportunity for comments, and opportunity for a public hearing, according to the provisions of part 124, subpart A of this chapter, and will inform owners and operators in writing of the applicable maximum pressure; or

(ii) May inject at a pressure greater than those specified in paragraph (a)(1)(i) of this section for the field or formation in which he is operating provided he submits a request in writing to the Regional Administrator, and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Regional Administrator that such injection pressure will not violate the requirement of § 144.28(f)(3)(ii)(A) and (B). The Regional Administrator may grant such a request after notice, opportunity for comment, and opportunity for a public hearing, according to the provisions of part 124, subpart A of this chapter.

(2) Prior to such time as the Regional Administrator establishes field rules for maximum injection pressure based on data provided pursuant to paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of this section the owner or operator shall:

(i) Limit injection pressure to a value which will not exceed the operating requirements of § 144.28(f)(3)(ii); and

(ii) Submit to the Regional Administrator data acceptable to the Regional administrator which defines the fracture pressure of the formation in which injection is taking place. A single test may be submitted on behalf of two or more operators conducting operations in the same formation, if the Regional Administrator approves such submission.

(b) *Casing and cementing.* Where the Regional Administrator determines

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that the owner or operator of an existing enhanced recovery or hydrocarbon storage well may not be in compliance with the requirement of §§144.28(e) and 146.22, the owner or operator shall when required by the Regional Administrator:

- (1) Protect USDWs by:
 - (i) Cementing surface casing by recirculating the cement to the surface from a point 50 feet below the lowermost USDW; or
 - (ii) Isolating all USDWs by placing cement between the outermost casing and the well bore; and
- (2) Isolate any injection zones by placing sufficient cement to fill the calculated space between the casing and the well bore to a point 250 feet above the injection zone; and
- (3) Use cement:
 - (i) Of sufficient quantity and quality to withstand the maximum operation pressure;
 - (ii) Which is resistant to deterioration from formation and injection fluids; and
 - (iii) In a quantity no less than 120% of the calculated volume necessary to cement off a zone; and/or
- (4) Comply with other requirements which the Regional Administrator may specify in addition to or in lieu of the requirements set forth in paragraphs (b) (1) through (3) of this section as needed to protect USDWs.

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§ 147.2104 Requirements for all wells.

- (a) The owner or operator converting an existing well to an injection well shall check the condition of the casing with one of the following logging tools:
 - (1) A pipe analysis log; or
 - (2) A caliper log.
- (b) The owner or operator of a new injection well cased with plastic (PVC, ABS, or others) casings shall:
 - (1) Not construct a well deeper than 500 feet;
 - (2) Use cement and additives compatible with such casing material; and
 - (3) Cement the annular space above the injection internal from the bottom of the blank casing to the surface.
- (c) The owner or operator of a newly drilled well shall install centralizers as directed by the Regional Administrator.

(d) The owner or operator shall as required by the Regional Administrator:

- (1) Protect USDWs by:
 - (i) Setting surface casing 50 feet below the lowermost USDW;
 - (ii) Cementing surface casing by recirculating the cement to the surface from a point 50 feet below the lowermost USDW; or
 - (iii) Isolating all USDWs by placing cement between the outermost casing and the well bore; and
- (2) Isolate any injection zones by placing sufficient cement to fill the calculated space between the casing and the well bore to a point 250 feet above the injection zone; and
- (3) Use cement:
 - (i) Of sufficient quantity and quality to withstand the maximum operating pressure; and
 - (ii) Which is resistant to deterioration from formation and injection fluids; and
 - (iii) In a quantity no less than 120% of the calculated volume necessary to cement off a zone.
- (4) The Regional Administrator may approve alternate casing and cementing practices provided that the owner or operator demonstrates that such practices will adequately protect USDWs.
- (e) *Area of review.* Notwithstanding the alternatives presented in §146.6 of this chapter, the area of review shall be a fixed radius as described in §146.6(b) of this chapter.
- (f) The applicant must give separate notice of intent to apply for a permit to each owner of record of the land within one-quarter mile of the site. The addresses of those to whom notice is given and the description of how notice was given shall be submitted with the permit application. The notice shall include:
 - (1) The name and address of applicant;
 - (2) A brief description of the planned injection activities, including well location, name and depth of the injection zone, maximum injection pressure and volume, and fluid to be injected;
 - (3) The EPA contact person; and
 - (4) A statement that opportunity to comment will be announced after EPA prepares a draft permit.