

**§ 147.3003**

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(a) Prior to submitting an application to the Director, the applicant shall give notice to each landowner, tenant, and operator of a producing lease within one-half mile of the well and to the affected Tribal Government. The notice shall include:

- (1) 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 source and description of the fluid to be injected;
- (3) Name, address, and phone number of the EPA contact person; and
- (4) A statement that opportunity to comment will be announced to the public after EPA prepares a draft permit.

(b) In addition to the requirements of §144.31(e) of this chapter, a permit applicant shall submit a description of the way the notice was given and the names and addresses of those to whom it was given.

(c) Upon written request and supporting documentation, the Director may waive the requirement in paragraph (a) of this section to give individual notice of intent to apply for permits in an area where it would be impractical. However, notice to the affected Tribal government shall not be waived.

(d) The Director shall also provide to the affected Tribal government all notices given to State governments under §124.10(c) of this chapter.

**§ 147.3003 Aquifer exemptions.**

(a) *Aquifer exemptions in connection with Class II wells.* In accordance with §144.7(b) and §146.4 of this chapter, the portions of authorized injection zones into which existing Class II wells are currently injecting which are described in appendix A are hereby exempted. The exempted aquifers are defined by a one-quarter mile radius from the existing injection well. The exemption includes the intended injection zone only and is solely for the purpose of Class II injection.

(b) *Class III wells.* In addition to the requirements of §144.7(c)(1) of this chapter, an applicant for a uranium mining permit which necessitates an aquifer exemption shall submit a plugging and abandonment plan containing

an aquifer cleanup plan, acceptable to the Director, describing the methods or techniques that will be used to meet the standards of §147.3011. The cleanup plan shall include an analysis of pre-injection water quality for the constituents required by the Director. The Director shall consider the cleanup plan in addition to the other information required for permit applications under §§144.31(e) and 146.34 of this chapter.

**§ 147.3004 Duration of rule authorization for existing Class I and III wells.**

Notwithstanding §144.21(a)(3)(i)(B) of this chapter, authorization by rule for existing Class I and III wells will expire 90 days after the effective date of this UIC program unless a complete permit application has been submitted to the Director.

**§ 147.3005 Radioactive waste injection wells.**

Notwithstanding §§144.24 and 146.51(b) of this chapter, owners and operators of wells used to dispose of radioactive waste (as defined in 10 CFR part 20, appendix B, table II, but not including high level and transuranic waste and spent nuclear fuel covered by 40 CFR part 191) shall comply with the permitting requirements pertaining to Class I wells in parts 124, 144 and 146 of this chapter, as modified and supplemented by this subpart.

**§ 147.3006 Injection pressure for existing Class II wells authorized by rule.**

(a) *Rule-authorized Class II saltwater disposal wells.* In addition to the requirements of §144.28(f)(3)(ii) of this chapter, the owner or operator shall, except during well stimulation, use an injection pressure measured at the wellhead that is not greater than the pressure calculated by using the following formula:

$$P_m = 0.2d$$

where:

- P<sub>m</sub>=injection pressure at the wellhead in pounds per square inch
- d=depth in feet to the top of the injection zone.

Owners and operators shall comply with this requirement no later than