

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

PRE-RULEMAKING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF UPDATES TO THE UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL REGULATIONS

April 26, 2017

The Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division) has publicly released pre-rulemaking draft regulations (Discussion Draft) for the purpose of receiving public input on the development of updates to the regulations implementing the Division's Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program. **Public comment can be submitted through June 26, 2017.**

The Division will be conducting one public workshop to provide information and to solicit input from the public on the Discussion Draft. The public workshop is scheduled for the following date and location:

May 24, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Four Points Sheraton
5101 California Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93309

BACKGROUND

This 30-day public comment period is part of an informal, pre-rulemaking process to develop regulations, and all interested parties are encouraged to participate. The Discussion Draft was developed based on verbal and written public comments received during two separate public comment periods held in September 2015 and January 2016.

Examples of the types of wells that will be impacted by the Discussion Draft include, but are not limited to, those utilized for wastewater disposal, injection of water and steam for the purposes of producing oil and gas. The Discussion Draft addresses regulatory provisions related to injection approvals, project data requirements, mechanical integrity testing of wells, monitoring requirements, prevention of surface expressions, incident response, and monitoring of seismic activity.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Discussion Draft and related documents and information are available on the Division's website at: http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/general_information/Pages/UICupdate.aspx. The Division is providing two separate drafts for public review. One indicates the changes to current regulations, while the second draft shows the changes since the original Discussion Draft.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written submissions may be provided to the Division by regular mail or email at:

Department of Conservation
801 K Street, MS 24-02
Sacramento, CA 95814
ATTN: UIC Discussion Draft

UIC.Regulations@conservation.ca.gov
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The comments received throughout the current comment period will be reviewed and considered as the Division develops its proposed regulations. The proposed regulations will be made public when the Division commences a formal rulemaking process.

ACCESSIBILITY

Services, such as language translation, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of these services, please make your request no later than ten working days prior to the hearing by calling the staff person referenced in this notice.

Servicios, como traducción de inglés a otros idiomas, pueden hacerse disponibles si usted los pide con tiempo. Para asegurar la disponibilidad de éstos servicios, por favor haga su petición al mínimo de diez días laborables antes de la reunión y llama a la persona del personal mencionada en este aviso.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the process of the proposed action, or if you would like to receive a hard copy of the Discussion Draft by mail, please contact Mr. Tim Shular, Office of Governmental, and Environmental Relations at (916) 322-3080, or by email at UIC.Regulations@conservation.ca.gov.