

Ridge Reservation of the Oglala Sioux Tribe located in Nebraska and any other Indian country lands in Nebraska held in trust by the United States for the Oglala Sioux Tribe or its members.

The South Dakota draft permit covers the above identified Indian country except as provided below: Not including the portion of the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation located in South Dakota and any other Indian country lands in South Dakota held in trust by the United States for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe or its members, which are covered under the North Dakota general permit (NDG589###).

- *Utah (UTG589###)*: Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151, located in Utah generally includes (1) lands within the exterior boundaries of the following Indian reservations located within Utah, in part or in full: The Goshute Reservation, the Navajo Indian Reservation, the reservation lands of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah (Cedar Band of Paiutes, Kanosh Band of Paiutes, Koosharem Band of Paiutes, Indian Peaks Band of Paiutes, and Shivwits Band of Paiutes), the Skull Valley Indian Reservation, the Uintah and Ouray Reservation (subject to federal court decisions removing certain lands from Indian country status within the Uintah and Ouray Reservation), and the Washakie Reservation; (2) any land held in trust by the United States for an Indian tribe; and (3) any other areas that are "Indian country" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 1151.

The Utah draft permit covers the above identified Indian country except as provided below: Not including any Indian country lands in Utah held in trust by the United States for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe or its members, which are covered under the Colorado general permit (COG587###). Not including the portions of the Goshute Reservation and the Navajo Indian Reservation in Utah, or any other Indian country lands in Utah held in trust by the United States for the Navajo Nation or its members or for the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation or its members, which are regulated by EPA Region 9.

- *Wyoming (WYG589###)*: Indian country, as defined at 18 U.S.C. 1151, located in Wyoming generally includes any lands within the exterior boundaries of the Wind River Indian Reservation (subject to *Wyoming v. EPA*, 875 F.3d 505 (10th Cir. 2017), *cert. denied*, 138 S. Ct. 2677 (2018)); any land held in trust by the United States for an Indian tribe; and any other areas that are "Indian country" within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. 1151.

#### IV. Other Legal Requirements

##### *A. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review and Executive Order 13563: Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review*

This action is not a significant regulatory action and was therefore not subject to submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for formal review.

##### *B. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*

Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629 (February 16, 1994)) establishes federal executive policy on EJ. Its main provision directs federal agencies, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, to make EJ part of their mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States.

EPA conducted an EJ Analysis, which is described in Section VII of the fact sheet. EPA has preliminarily determined that the draft permits will not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations based on the effluent limits and reporting requirements contained therein. EPA requests comment on this preliminary determination and/or any modifications EPA could make to the proposed permits to address EJ concerns.

*Authority: CWA, 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.*

Dated: August 19, 2021.

**Judy Bloom,**  
Manager, Clean Water Branch.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[EPA-HQ-OW-2014-0359; FRL 8868-01-OW]**

#### **Proposed Information Collection Request Extension; Comment Request; Information Request for the Underground Injection Control Program**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), "Information Collection Request for the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program" (EPA ICR No. 0370.27, OMB Control No. 2040-0042) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described in the **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** section of this document. This is a proposed 3-year extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through April 30, 2022. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 25, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2014-0359 online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), by email to [OW-Docket@epa.gov](mailto:OW-Docket@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kyle Carey, Drinking Water Protection Division, Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, 4606M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2322; fax number: (202) 564-3756; email address: [carey.kyle@epa.gov](mailto:carey.kyle@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Supporting documents which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. The EPA is temporarily suspending its Docket Center and Reading Room for public visitors, with limited exceptions, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Our Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. We encourage the public to submit comments, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR extension request package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR extension request package to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** EPA developed the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act to establish a federal-state regulatory system to protect underground sources of drinking water (USDWs) from injection fluids and injection-related activities. Injected fluids include hazardous waste, oil field brines or produced water, mineral processing fluids, various types of industrial fluids, automotive, sanitary, and other wastes, and carbon dioxide injected for geologic sequestration. Owners or operators of injection wells must obtain permits, conduct environmental monitoring, maintain records, and report results to the EPA or the state agency (if the state has UIC primary enforcement responsibility (primacy)). States must report to the EPA on permittee compliance and related information. This mandatory information is reported using standardized forms and annual reports. The governing regulations are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 40 CFR parts 144 through 148. Reporting data are used by UIC authorities to ensure the protection of USDWs.

**Form Numbers:** 7520-1, 7520-2A, 7520-28, 7520-3, 7520-4, 7520-6,

7520-7, 7520-8, 7520-9, 7520-10, 7520-11, 7520-12, 7520-14, 7520-16, and 7520-17.

**Respondents/affected entities:** Owners or operators of underground injection wells and state UIC primacy agencies.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** Mandatory (40 CFR parts 140 through 148).

**Estimated number of respondents:** 35,385 (total).

**Frequency of response:** Annual, semi-annual, and quarterly.

**Total estimated burden:** 1,617,274 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

**Total estimated cost:** \$319,605,059 (per year), includes \$243,531,752 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

**Changes in estimates:** Changes and developments in many aspects of the UIC program during the previous ICR period directly impact the estimates used in this ICR extension. For example, variations in permitting and closures across well classes and well inventory, revisions to UIC primacy programs, efforts to streamline the permit application process, alterations to state and operator reporting systems and other factors all cause variations in the ICR estimates. For the UIC ICR extension there is an increase of 325,014 hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. This increase is due to changes in the injection well inventory and adjustments to the number of permit applications (particularly for Class VI wells) that are expected to be prepared and reviewed.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8776-01-R9]

### Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of Arizona

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of tentative approval.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the State of Arizona (State) revised its Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) by adopting regulations to implement the

federal Stage 1 and Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rules (DBPRs). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that the State's revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations and otherwise meet applicable SDWA primacy requirements. Therefore, EPA intends to approve the stated revisions as part of the State's PWSS Program.

**DATES:** A request for a public hearing must be received on or before September 24, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection online at <http://azdeq.gov/notices>. In addition, documents relating to this determination are available for inspection by appointment between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State or Federal holidays at the following address: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Records Center, 1110 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Please contact the ADEQ Records Center at (602) 771-4380 or <http://azdeq.gov/node/219> to schedule an appointment.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background.** EPA approved the State's initial application for PWSS Program primary enforcement authority ("primacy") on August 25, 1978 (43 FR 38083). Since initial approval, EPA has approved various revisions to Arizona's PWSS Program. For the revisions covered by this action, the EPA promulgated the Stage 1 DBP Rule on December 16, 1998 (63 FR 69390-69476) with revisions to the Stage 1 DBP Rule on January 16, 2001 (66 FR 3770-3780). EPA promulgated the Stage 2 DBP Rule on January 2, 2006 (71 FR 388-493) and published Stage 2 DBP Rule corrections on January 27, 2006 (71 FR 4644), June 29, 2006 (71 FR 37168) and November 14, 2008 (73 FR 67456-67463). The EPA promulgated the Stage 1 and Stage 2 DBPRs to reduce drinking water exposure to disinfection byproducts by setting standards for additional disinfection byproducts, establishing maximum residual disinfectant levels for chemical disinfectants, and tightening compliance monitoring requirements. EPA has determined that the Stage 1 and Stage 2 DBPRs were incorporated by reference into the Arizona