

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN  
UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL (UIC) CLASS II PERMIT  
TO GRAND RESOURCES

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting public comments on its proposal to issue two UIC permits to Grand Resources authorizing the underground injection of fluids into the wells Navajo 5 and Navajo 5A. The wells are located in the Mesa Gallup oilfield in San Juan county, New Mexico. Well Navajo 5 is in Section 10, Township 32N, Range 18W and well Navajo 5A is in Section 25, Township 32N, Range 18W.

The address of the applicant is Grand Resources Inc., 2250 E. 73rd Street, Tulsa, OK 74136.

Background

The proposed injection wells are 1052 feet deep (Navajo 5A) and 1740 feet deep (Navajo 5). No underground sources of drinking water are known to exist in this area. The injection fluid will be brines associated with oil production and the permit does not allow the injection of hazardous wastes. The proposed average injection rates are 300 barrels per day into each well.

Grand Resources has submitted all of the information and fulfilled all of the regulatory requirements necessary for the issuance of this draft UIC permit.

The EPA has made a preliminary determination to approve this permit application. This action is being taken as provided by Part C of the Safe Drinking Water Act and attendant regulations.

Public Comments

All non-proprietary data submitted by the applicant and the Draft Permit prepared by EPA are contained in the administrative record for these proposed injection wells. This information is available at the location listed below:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX  
Underground Injection Control Section (W-6-2)  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Attention: Mark Ripperda  
Telephone: (415) 744-1836

A copy of the Draft Permit and Statement of Basis are also available for public review at:

Farmington Public Library  
100 West Broadway  
Farmington, NM 87401

and

Navajo Nation Library  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted, in writing, at the San Francisco office until October 18, 1991. A request for a public hearing should be made in writing and should state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the hearing. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ONLY IF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IS SHOWN.

#### FINAL PERMIT DECISIONS AND APPEAL PROCESS

After the close of the public comment period the EPA will issue a final permit decision and will notify all those who supplied comments. The final decision may be to: issue, deny or modify the permit.

If a Final Permit is issued, it shall become effective immediately if no comments requested a substantial change in the Draft Permit and no substantial changes are made from the Draft Permit to the Final Permit. If substantial changes have been requested or made in the Final Permit, the Final Permit will become effective thirty (30) days after issuance.

Within thirty (30) days after the final permit decision has been issued, any person who filed comments on the Draft Permit; participated in a public hearing; or takes issue with any changes in the Draft Permit, may petition the Director to review the permit decision. Persons interested in appealing the final permit decision are referred to 40 CFR Sections 124.15 through 124.20 for the procedural requirements of the appeal process.