

**Commission Order R-13506-D, Finding AA:**

“While Applicants urge that a multi-well fluid management pit is most akin to a temporary pit, the Commission finds that the size and *life span of a multi-well fluid management pit, which could be up to 5 years*, and the fact that it is fluid bearing for that period of time, it is more prudent to treat the multi-well fluid management pit more like a permanent pit, with respect to siting, construction, operation and closure. The Commission finds that there is sufficient environmental and economic justification for permitting multi-well fluid management pits under the Pit Rule, and that doing so under, among other things, *the siting, construction, inspection, operation and closure requirements of the Pit Rule that is Attachment A provides reasonable protection of fresh water, and protects public health and the environment.*”