

 <p>United States Environmental Protection Agency Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Washington, DC 20460</p> <p>UIC Federal Reporting System Part II: Compliance Evaluation Significant Noncompliance</p> <p>(This information is solicited under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act)</p>				I. Name and Address of Reporting Agency United States Environmental Protection Agency									
II. Date Prepared (month, day, year)			III. State Contact (name, telephone no.)			IV. Reporting Period (month, year) From October 1, 20 To							
						Class and Type of Injection Wells							
						I	II SWD 2D	ER 2R	Other 2O	III	IV	V	VI
V. Summary of Significant Non- Compliance (SNC)	Total Wells	A	Number of Wells with SNC Violations										
	Total Violations	B	1. Number of Unauthorized Injection SNC Violations										
			2. Number of Mechanical Integrity SNC Violations										
			3. Number of Injection Pressure SNC Violations										
			4. Number of Plugging and Abandonment SNC Violations										
			5. Number of SNC Violations of Formal Orders										
			6. Number of Falsification SNC Violations										
			7. Number of Other SNC Violations (Specify)										
VI. Summary of Enforcement Against SNC	Total Wells	A	Number of Wells with Enforcement Actions Against SNC										
	Total Enforcement Actions	B	1. Number of Notices of Violation										
			2. Number of Consent Agreements/Orders										
			3. Number of Administrative Orders										
			4. Number of Civil Referrals										
			5. Number of Criminal Referrals										
			6. Number of Well Shut-ins										
			7. Number of Pipeline Severances										
8. Number of Other Enforcement Actions Against SNC Violations (Specify)													
VII. Summary of Compliance	Number of Wells in SNC Returned to Compliance												
VIII. Contamination	Number of Cases of Possible Contamination of a USDW												
IX. Well Closure	Class IV/Endangering Class V Well Closures			Involuntary Well Closure									
				Voluntary Well Closure									
Certification I certify that the statements I have made on this form and all attachments thereto are true, accurate, and complete. I acknowledge that any knowingly false or misleading statement may be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under applicable law.													
Signature and Typed or Printed Name and Title of Person Completing Form						Date		Telephone No.					

Instructions and Definitions

All reporting is cumulative from the start of the federal fiscal year (October 1). All fields should contain a value. Do not leave blank fields. Enter 0 if the program has primacy for a particular injection well class but there are no activities to be reported for that field. Enter “NA” if the program does not have primacy for the well type/activity. Enter “U” if the program has primacy for the well/activity and there are activities to report but the information is unknown or not captured; fields designated as “U” require explanation in the “Remarks/Ad Hoc Report” section or in a separate report attached to the Form 7520. Programs should indicate why the information is not collected and specify the injection well classes to which the comment applies.

Violations of permit or rule requirements should be reported even if identified through remote compliance monitoring.

Note: Significant Noncompliance violations are a subset of the violations reported on EPA Form 7520-2A.

Definitions of SNC Violations: SNC violations are violations that endanger or pose a significant potential to endanger underground sources of drinking water (USDWs), and violations that are not addressed after enforcement actions. For example:

1. The following violations for Class I and VI wells (not an exhaustive list):

- Contamination of a USDW;
- Injection of unauthorized fluid(s);
- Injection into unauthorized zones;
- Failure to cease injection after loss of MI detected;
- Failure to comply with corrective action requirements;
- Failure to operate automatic shutdown system;
- Failure to operate automatic warning system;
- Unauthorized plugging and abandonment;
- Violation of a Formal Order;
- Knowing submission of false information;
- Violations involving loss of mechanical integrity;
- Violations of maximum injection pressure;
- Failure to install and/or operate injection pressure and annulus pressure monitoring systems or other monitoring systems, required by permit or rule;
- Failure to maintain required annulus pressure;
- Injection plume or pressure front exceeding the area of review (Class VI);
- Failure to invoke the Emergency and Remedial Response Plan when required (Class VI); and
- Failure to complete post injection site care activities (Class VI).

Also, any Class I or VI well with a non-SNC violation that is noted three times within twelve months of the first violation is considered to be in SNC. List these Class I or VI violations under Other SNC Violations unless they clearly fall within the categories of violations in the list below.

2. The following violations for a Class II, III, or V well:

- Unauthorized Injection – Any unauthorized emplacement of fluids (where formal authorization is required);
- Mechanical Integrity – Well operation without mechanical integrity which causes the movement of fluid outside the authorized zone – if injection of such fluid may have the potential for endangering a USDW;
- Injection Pressure – Well operation at an injection pressure that exceeds the permitted or authorized injection pressure and causes the movement of fluid outside the authorized zone of injection – if such movement may have the potential for endangering a USDW;

- Plugging and Abandonment – The plugging and abandonment of an injection well in an unauthorized manner. These wells are in SNC only when there is endangerment of USDW and there is an identifiable owner/operator;
- Violation of a Formal Order – Any violation of a formal enforcement action, including an administrative or judicial order, consent agreement, judgment, or equivalent action;
- Falsification – The knowing submission or use of any false information in a permit application, periodic report or special request for information about a well; or
- Other SNC Violations.

3. Any violation for a Class IV well.

Section V. Summary of SNC Violations

A. Total Wells: For each well class/type, enter the number wells with one or more SNC violations identified. Count each well only once. Include all wells with SNC violations, even those with violations that have been returned to compliance.

B. Total Violations:

Items 1-7: For each well class/type, enter the number of times each SNC violation type has been identified. Count each SNC violation, even if multiple SNC violations occurred at a single well.

Section VI. Summary of Enforcement Against SNC:

A. Total Wells: For each well class/type, enter the number of wells with one or more SNC violations that have been addressed by an enforcement action. Count each well only once.

B. Total Enforcement Actions:

Items 1-8: For each well class/type, enter the number of times wells with SNC violations have received each type of enforcement action. One enforcement action can cover multiple violations.

The following general definitions apply to the types of enforcement action listed:

- Notice of Violation – A formal notice from the regulatory authority that notifies an owner/operator that a well is in noncompliance, specifies the noncompliance, and specifies the enforcement consequences for continued noncompliance.
- Consent Agreement – A formal agreement between the State or EPA Director and the owner/operator developed pursuant to an Administrative Order or civil action in which the owner/operator agrees to take specific action or actions to return to compliance.
- Administrative Order – A formal order issued by EPA under the authority of 1423 (c) of the SDWA or equivalent action issued by the State with the signature of the State Director and/or Attorney General that compels compliance and/or assesses a penalty. Violation of an order is a separate violation.
- Civil Referral – Agency referral of a case for civil prosecution.
- Criminal Referral – Agency referral of a case for criminal prosecution seeking fines and/or imprisonment.
- Well Shut-In – Agency action requiring cessation of injection until the agency allows operation to resume.
- Pipeline Severance – Agency action to sever the operator’s ability to deliver fuel to a pipeline (Class II wells).

Section VII. Number of Wells in SNC Returned to Compliance:

For each well class/type, enter the number of wells in SNC returned to compliance. A “Well Returned to Compliance” is a well for which all underlying violations have been resolved and compliance has been verified by the primacy program. Note: an enforcement action alone (e.g., well shut-in) does not constitute a “return to compliance;” however, plugging and abandonment does constitute a return to compliance.

Section VIII. USDW Contaminations: For each well class/type, enter the number of times a well in SNC may have contaminated a USDW this federal fiscal year to date. An example would be if data from a groundwater monitoring well indicated potential contamination.

Section IX. Number of Class IV/V Endangering Class V Well Closures:

For Class IV and Class V wells, enter the number of voluntary or involuntary well closures of endangering wells (e.g., Large Capacity Cesspools and Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Wells).

Voluntary well closure means well closed as a direct result of outreach activities.

Involuntary well closure means wells closed as a result of enforcement actions or permit call-ins.

Well closure describes a process to permanently discontinue injection in accordance with the UIC regulations.

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The public reporting and record keeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5.5 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resource expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal Agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to the collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and, transmit or otherwise disclose the information. 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. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates, and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden, including the use of automated collection techniques to Director, Collection Strategies Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2822), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed forms to this address.

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