

Permit Extension Instructions

Checklist for Granting Extensions to Region 5 UIC Permit Expiration Dates

Region 5 Underground Injection Control permits expire one year after the effective date of the permit if construction has not begun. If a permittee would like this deadline extended, the permittee should submit the following information:

1. Letter requesting the extension
2. Certification that no new wells have been drilled within the Area of Review or submission of appropriate documentation (such as copies of state completion reports) on any new well in the Area of Review.

This information may be provided by email but should be accompanied by the certification statement from Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 144.32(d):

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

When the UIC Branch receives this request, we will contact the US Fish & Wildlife Service and request an updated Endangered Species Act (ESA) clearance. If ESA clearance comes through, the permit file will be reviewed to determine if any other issues need to be considered. A new Area of Review search will be performed and any new information will be reviewed. If review reveals no problems, a letter granting a one-year extension will be mailed to the permittee. If problems are discovered, the permittee will be contacted for more information.