

Chalk Cliff Limited (Chalk Cliff)

Class I Non-Hazardous Waste Injection Well Permit No. R9-UIC-CA1-FY17-4

Response to Comments

Summary of Significant Public Comments and EPA Response to Comments

Pursuant to 40 CFR § 124.17(a)(2), EPA has summarized and prepared a response to all comments raised during the public comment period on the Draft Permit, which was open from August 16, 2020 through September 16, 2020.

EPA received a comment from one (1) entity or individual. EPA has summarized the comment and EPA's response below.

Commenter 1: Anonymous (hereinafter ANONYMOUS)

ANONYMOUS submitted a comment on the Draft Permit on September 16, 2020 and recommended that EPA not permit the operation of the underground injection well for better protection of the environment and public health. ANONYMOUS also recommended that EPA institute the Green New Deal immediately to slow climate change.

EPA Response:

EPA prepared the Draft Permit after completing a thorough technical review of all information submitted by Chalk Cliff in their permit application, as well as the operational standards, monitoring requirements, and existing geologic setting. Based on our review, EPA believes the activities allowed and conditions required under the Draft Permit are protective of public health and underground sources of drinking water, as required under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 124, 144, 146, 147, and 148.

The Safe Drinking Water Act regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 144 and 146 contain the requirements and standards that a permit applicant must meet to receive approval to inject via an underground injection control (UIC) permit. Those regulations also define the general scope of EPA's authority under the SDWA.

EPA acknowledges the submittal of the comment regarding the Green New Deal and clarifies to ANONYMOUS that this portion of the comment is outside the scope of the UIC permit process and EPA's authority pursuant to the SDWA regulations.