



EPA Seeks Comments on Draft Underground Injection Permit

BreitBurn Operating Limited Partnership

Otsego County, Michigan

July 2015

How to comment

You may comment on the proposed permit approval in writing. Please refer to MBM 1-22, Permit Number MI-137-2R-0031

Mail, email or fax your comments to:

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Comment period

The Agency will accept written comments until **August 10** (midnight postmark).

Information repository

You may see the draft permit at: Otsego County Library, 700 South Otsego, Gaylord, MI or at: www.epa.gov/r5water/uic.

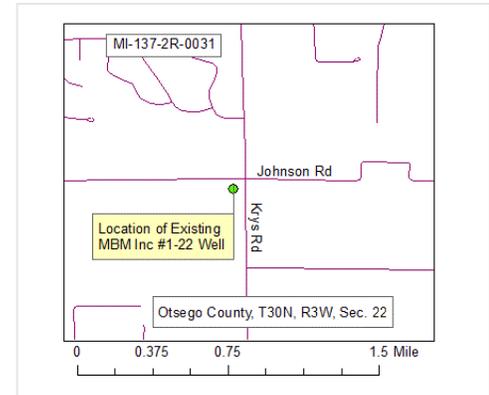
Administrative Record

You may see the full administrative record, including all data BreitBurn Operating Limited Partnership submitted, at the EPA's Chicago regional office (*address above*), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., week days. For an appointment to see the files, contact William Tong (*see above*).

Right to appeal

You have the right to appeal any final permit decision if you make an official comment during the comment period or participate in the public hearing. A public hearing is not planned at this time. The first appeal must be made to the Environmental Appeals Board.

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to allow BreitBurn Operating Limited Partnership, 1165 Elkview Dr., Gaylord, Michigan, to inject carbon dioxide underground for secondary oil recovery by approving the company's application for what EPA calls a Class II injection well permit.



If EPA makes its approval final, BreitBurn Operating Limited Partnership may inject carbon dioxide for secondary oil recovery into a rock formation 5827 feet below the surface through a well at NE 1/4, Section 22, T30N, R3W, Otsego County, Michigan.

EPA is accepting comments from the public on this proposed permit approval (*see box, left*). The public comment period, which ends **Monday, August 10**, includes 30 days for comments as required by law, plus an additional three days for any delay caused by mailing.

During the comment period, you may ask EPA – in writing – to hold a formal public hearing (*see address, left*). Be sure to say specifically what issues you want to raise. EPA will hold a hearing if there is significant interest. If there is a hearing, EPA will publish a notice at least 30 days prior. You will have an opportunity to make oral comments or submit written comments. EPA will consider all comments it receives, and then issue a final decision along with a response to the comments.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires EPA to regulate the underground injection wells to protect the quality of underground sources of drinking water. Issuing permits is one way EPA does this. You can find the regulations governing underground injection wells at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 144 and 146.

EPA does not have the authority to change the surface location of the injection well. If you have questions or concerns about the well's location, contact the MDEQ, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909 and phone number (517) 241-1515.

To learn more about EPA's Underground Injection Control program, or to join our mailing list visit www.epa.gov/r5water/uic/index.htm.