

# Proposed Permit Modification for an Existing Class II Injection Well

**Merit Energy Company**  
Roscommon County, Michigan

October 2015

## How to comment

You may comment on the proposed permit modification in writing. Refer to **Norwich Unit #6-13**, Permit No. **MI-143-2R-0016**

Mail, email or fax your comments to:

### Stephen Roy

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## Comment period

The Agency will accept written comments until **November 16** (midnight postmark).

## Information Repository

You may see the draft permit at **Roscommon Area District Library, 106 Lake St., Roscommon; Tuesday – Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** or at <http://www2.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-epa-region-5-il-mi-mn-oh-and-wi>.

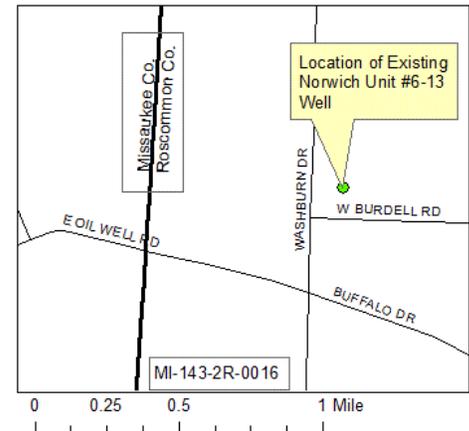
## Administrative Record

You may see the full administrative record, including all data Merit Energy Company has submitted, at the EPA's Chicago regional office (*address above*), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. For an appointment to see the files, contact Stephen Roy (*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 modify what it calls a Class II injection well permit for Merit Energy Company of Dallas, Texas. EPA issued a permit for this well on March 5, 1997. On May 11, 2015, Merit Energy Company requested a change in the maximum injection pressure to correct an error in the existing permit. The value of the maximum injection pressure in the existing permit was calculated incorrectly. Only the condition proposed to be modified is reopened for comment.



If EPA approves the permit modification, Merit Energy Company may inject fluids for enhanced recovery of oil from production wells owned or operated by Merit Energy Company at a pressure of 2,944 pounds per square inch in a well in Roscommon County. Merit Energy Company also has Permit No. 33339 for this well issued by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

EPA is accepting comments from the public on the proposed modification (*see box, left*). The comment period, which ends **Monday, November 16, 2015** 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, and 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, then issue a final decision along with a response to significant comments.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires EPA to regulate underground injection wells to protect 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.

To learn more about EPA's Underground Injection Control program, or to join our mailing list, visit <http://www2.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-epa-region-5-il-mi-mn-oh-and-wi>.