

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region III
Ground Water & Enforcement Branch (3WP22)
1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103**

**Seneca Resources Corporation
Permit No. PAS2D026BELK**

Public Comments will be accepted until July 24, 2017

NOTICE:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III (EPA) plans to issue an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class II-D permit to Seneca Resources Corporation (Seneca) for disposal of fluids from Seneca oil and gas operations. This action is being taken pursuant to the Federal UIC regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 124, 144, 146, and 147.

NEED and DESCRIPTION:

Seneca submitted an application to operate a new UIC Class II disposal injection well permit, to be used for the injection of fluids produced in association with Seneca's oil and gas operations. The well (Well # 38282) is located in Highland Township, Elk County, Pennsylvania. The draft permit, when finalized, will allow Seneca to convert Well # 38282 into an injection well for produced fluids from Seneca's oil and gas operations, injecting into the Elk 3 Sand formation at depths between 2327 and 2372 feet.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT:

EPA requests public comment on its findings that the proposed injection activity under the draft permit is protective of underground sources of drinking water. Please mail public comments to the attention of Roger Reinhart at the address listed above, or e-mail comments to reinhart.roger@epa.gov, by July 24, 2017. ***A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2017, at 7:00PM at the Highland Township Fire Hall located on Pennsylvania Avenue in James City, Pennsylvania. Requests to hold a public hearing must be received in writing to EPA by July 20, 2017.*** When requesting a public hearing, please state the nature of the issue(s) you propose to raise. EPA expressly reserves the right not to hold a hearing unless a significant degree of public interest on the proposed permit is demonstrated by July 20, 2017.

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION:

The Administrative Record for the draft permit is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the offices of U.S. EPA Region III, at the address shown above. All information submitted by the applicant in support of the draft permit is included in the Administrative Record and is available to the public for review. Copies of the permit application, draft permit, statement of basis, and administrative record index are available for review and inspection at the Friends Memorial Library located at 230 Chase Street, Kane, Pennsylvania, 16735. Copies of the draft permit, statement of basis, and administrative index are also available online at <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-pennsylvania#notice>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Interested persons may obtain further information by contacting Roger Reinhart at the email or physical address listed above or by phone at 215-814-5462.