

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

**EnerVest Operating, LLC
Permit Nos. VAS2D937BDIC, VAS2D947BDIC**

Public Comments will be accepted until December 5th, 2017

NOTICE:

On March 1, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mid-Atlantic Region (EPA) issued a public notice requesting comments on the proposed renewal of two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class II-D permits (VAS2D937BDIC and VAS2D947BDIC) to EnerVest Operating, LLC (EnerVest) for disposal of fluids from their company's oil and gas operations. The injection wells are located in the Nora, Oakwood, and Haysi Fields in Dickenson County, Virginia.

During the public comment period, which ended on March 31, 2017, the permittee submitted comments related to the specific gravity of the disposed fluid. In response to these comments EPA has modified the maximum allowable specific gravity and maximum injection pressure allowed under both permits, and has deleted the requirement to monitor the specific gravity of every truckload. Pursuant 40 C.F.R. 124.14(b), the Region is reopening the public comment period on the modified terms of these draft permits. The Region requests public comment on the modifications regarding the threshold specific gravity, the recalculated maximum injection pressures and the deletion of the requirement to test the specific gravity of every truckload. The reopening of the public comment period is limited to those modifications.

The Region has supplemented the record to clarify and to provide additional evidence to support its findings. A supplemental statement of basis has been posted on the Region's website at <https://www.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-epa-region-3-de-dc-md-pa-va-and-wv> and is available for review at **Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library located at 198 Chase Street, Clintwood, VA 24228.**

These actions are being taken pursuant to the Federal UIC regulations at 40 C.F.R. Parts 124, 144, 146, and 147.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT:

EPA requests public comment on the modified draft permit conditions relating to specific gravity, maximum injection pressure, and deletion of the per truckload provision in each of the two draft permits and on EPA's findings that under these modified conditions the injection under the permits is unlikely to pose a risk to underground sources of drinking water. Please mail public comments on these modified conditions in either of the two draft UIC permits to the attention of James Bennett at the address listed above, or e-mail comments to bennett.james@epa.gov, by **Tuesday, December 5th, 2017. A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at 6PM at the Dickenson County Judicial Center located at 119 Courthouse Lane, Clintwood, VA 24228. Requests to hold a public hearing must be received in writing by EPA by Monday, November 27th, 2017.** When requesting a public hearing, please state the nature of the issues you propose to raise with regards to the modified permit conditions. **You MUST specify the draft permit number to which the issue applies, and may only comment on the modified permit conditions, which are indicated by highlighted text and strikethroughs in the respective draft permits.** EPA expressly reserves the right not to hold a hearing unless a significant degree of public interest on the modified permit conditions is evidenced by **Monday, November 27th, 2017.**

AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION:

The Administrative Records for each draft permit are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the offices of U.S. EPA – Mid-Atlantic Region at the address shown above. All information submitted

by the applicant in support of the two draft permits, unless deemed confidential, is included in the Administrative Record for each permit and is available to the public for review. Copies of permit applications, draft permits, and statements of basis, and administrative record indexes are available for review and inspection at the Jonnie B. Deel Memorial Library located at 198 Chase Street, Clintwood, VA 24228. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and administrative indexes are available online at <https://www.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-epa-region-3-de-dc-md-pa-va-and-wv>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Interested persons may obtain further information by contacting James Bennett at the email or physical address listed above or by phone at (215)-814-5469.