

UNITED STATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION II  
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New York, New York 10007-1866

**NOTICE OF FORMULATION OF DRAFT UIC PERMIT  
AND  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF DRAFT PERMIT**

Public Notice No. 2018-04  
Application No. **UIC3NY021**

Date: February 11, 2018

Morton Salt, Inc., 123 North Walker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606 has applied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300f et. seq (the Act), for a new Underground Injection Control (UIC) permit to continue the operation of its Class III salt solution mining injection wells. The wells are located at approximately 42.657<sup>0</sup> north latitude and -78.0797<sup>0</sup> west longitude, 45 Ribaud Avenue, Silver Springs, New York 14550. The operating, monitoring and reporting requirements of the existing permit have been modified as detailed in the Statement of Basis.

Depleted solution mining production well fluid, recycled to the wells as part of the closed loop solution mining process; fresh water removed from the watershed above Wolf Creek, from a location existing at the Morton Plant site; condensate water removed by evaporation during the production of salt; surface runoff and spring water from the immediate vicinity of the Morton Plant; Barber Creek (during dry periods of the year); Indeck Energy Services boiler blowdown water; and other plant effluents including dust collection water, boiler blowdown, and effluent from the water treatment plant be injected into the Salina Salt Formation which lies at a depth of approximately 2,000 to 2,700 feet below the surface. Injection pressure, as measured at the surface, pressure at the wellhead shall be calculated so as to assure that the pressure in the injection zone during injection does not initiate new fractures or propagate existing fractures in the confining zone or cause the migration of injection or formation fluids into an underground source of drinking water.

This notice is being given to inform the public that EPA has prepared a draft permit, and to solicit public comment. The permit contains standards, prohibitions and other conditions necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act. Should there be significant interest displayed by written public comment, a Presiding Officer shall conduct a public hearing on the above-identified draft permit. The purpose of this public hearing will be to receive comments from interested parties and the public on the draft permit prepared by EPA. Notification of the Hearing will be published in advance so that all interested parties may participate. Once all public comments are submitted and a public hearing, if necessary, is held, the Director of the Division of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance of EPA Region II will make a final decision on whether or not to issue a permit and if issued the applicant will be required to comply with all conditions of the permit.

Written comments must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this notice (i.e. by no later than **March 12, 2018** to the following address:

Douglas McKenna, Chief  
Water Compliance Branch

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region II  
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All information submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record, subject to provisions of law restricting the public disclosure of confidential information. The administrative record for the draft permit can be inspected at any time between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm. It is recommended that you contact EPA at [region2\\_uic@epa.gov](mailto:region2_uic@epa.gov) to schedule a date and time to review the administrative record to allow time for EPA to make the necessary arrangements for your visit. Copies of documents comprising the administrative record can be obtained by submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request online at <https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home> or by mailing a request to:

Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA Region 2  
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