

EPA Seeks Comments on Draft Underground Injection Permits

Riverside Energy Michigan LLC
Antrim County, Michigan

February 2021

How to Comment

You may comment on the proposed permit approvals in writing. Please refer to Riverside Energy Michigan permit numbers MI-009-2R-0001 and MI-009-2R-0002.

Email your comments to:

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UIC Section (WP-16J)

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If you do not have access to email, please contact Janette Hansen for instructions on how to comment.

Comment Period

EPA will accept written comments until **March 31, 2021**.

Information Repository

You may see the draft permits at <https://go.usa.gov/3JwFP>

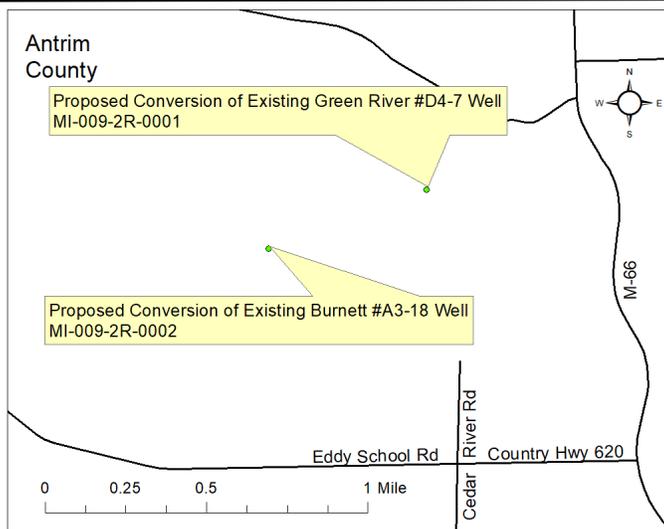
Administrative Record

To request review of Administrative Record files, contact Janette Hansen (*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.

To learn more about EPA's Underground Injection Control program, or to join our mailing list visit <https://go.usa.gov/3JwFP>



Map shows location of the injection wells in Antrim County, Michigan.

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to allow Riverside Energy Michigan, 10691 E. Carter Road, Suite 201, Traverse City, Michigan to inject fluid underground for enhanced recovery by approving the company's applications for what EPA calls Class II injection well permits.

If EPA makes its approval final, Riverside Energy Michigan may inject fluids into a rock formation more than 733 feet below the surface through wells in Antrim County. Riverside Energy Michigan has also applied for permits from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (MDEGLE).

EPA is accepting comments from the public on these proposed permit approvals (*see box, left*). The public comment period, which ends **March 31, 2021**, 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 significant comments.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires EPA to regulate injection of fluids through 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 wells. If you have questions or concerns about the well locations, contact the MDEGLE, P.O. Box 30256, Lansing, Michigan 48909 and phone number (517) 284-6826.