EPA PUBLIC NOTICE
Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program
Notice of Proposed Permit Issuance for:

Pocahontas Gas LLC
PO Box 570
Pounding Mill, Virginia 24637

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 (EPA) is issuing a proposed permit under the authority of the federal Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulations at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Parts 124, 144, 146, and 147 to Pocahontas Gas LLC (“Pocahontas”).

Description: Pocahontas applied for one (1) UIC Class II injection well permit, to be used for the disposal of produced fluids associated with oil and gas production. The injection well is located in the Oakwood Field, Buchanan County, Virginia. The draft permit will allow Pocahontas to inject produced fluids into the Berea Formation in the subsurface perforated interval between approximately 4,970 feet to 4,984 feet below ground surface, and into the Gordon Formation in the subsurface perforated interval between approximately 5,062 feet to 5,088 feet below ground surface. If the final permit is issued to Pocahontas, it will remain in effect for ten (10) years. A permit is required to meet the provisions of the EPA-administered UIC Program in Virginia.

Tentative Public Hearing: EPA has tentatively scheduled a virtual public hearing on October 18, 2022. An in-person hearing will not take place. The call-in and log-in information for the virtual meeting is listed below:

Call-in Number: (484) 352-3221  6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  Eastern Standard Time
Conference ID: 146 454 03#

MS Teams Link: https://msteams.link/5A5J

There is no need to register in advance for the virtual hearing. Attendees may utilize MS Teams by calling via telephone or entering the URL into a web browser. During the hearing, callers will receive instructions on how to join the queue to make a comment. The meeting organizer will call on people to deliver their oral comments. Participants who want to supply written or printed materials can do so using the information listed below.

Requests to hold this public hearing must be received via email or telephone to EPA by October 11, 2022. When requesting a public hearing, please state the nature of the issues you propose to raise. EPA expressly reserves the right to cancel this hearing unless a significant degree of public interest is evidenced by October 11, 2022.

General Notice: If you would like to be added to a general mailing list for notice of any UIC permitting actions in EPA Region 3 jurisdictions (Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington D.C.), please notify EPA by sending an email to R3_UIC_Mailbox@epa.gov. Please specify if you are interested in permitting actions in all three jurisdictions or only in particular jurisdiction(s). If you don’t have access to email, you may also send a request to be included on the list at the physical address listed below.

EPA Requests Public Comments on the Permit Issuance
Public Comments on the permit issuance will be accepted until October 19, 2022

The administrative record for this permitting action is available for review. The draft permit, the statement of basis for the draft permit, and permit application materials have been posted on EPA’s website at https://www.epa.gov/va/epa-public-notices-virginia. Comments on the draft permit may be directed to:

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