



REGION 8

DENVER, CO 80202

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SENT VIA EMAIL
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Re: Draft Permits and Aquifer Exemption Decisions – Jody Field 34-1 (MT52443-12513) and Jody Field 34-2 (MT52439-12514)

Dear Mr. Montalban:

Enclosed are copies of the draft U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 Underground Injection Control (UIC) permits (Permits) for the above referenced wells. Also enclosed are copies of the fact sheets for the proposed actions and the draft Record of Decisions (RODs) for expansion of the existing aquifer exemption areas surrounding the wells. A public notice is provided on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/uic/underground-injection-control-epa-region-8-co-mt-nd-sd-ut-and-wy>.

EPA regulations and procedures for issuing UIC permit decisions are found in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) part 124. These regulations and procedures require a public notice and the opportunity for the public to comment on these proposed Permit decisions. The public may also comment on the draft aquifer exemption RODs. The public comment period will run for at least 30 days and a courtesy announcement of the comment period, also enclosed, has been published in the following newspaper:

Cut Bank Pioneer Press

A final decision will not be made until after the close of the comment period. All relevant comments will be taken into consideration. If any substantial comments are received, the effective dates of the final Permits will be delayed for an additional 30 days, as required by 40 CFR § 124.15(b), to allow for any potential appeal of the final Permit decisions.

If you have any questions or comments about the above actions, please contact VelRey Lozano, (303) 312-6128, lozano.velrey@epa.gov or Fraser Evans, (303) 312-6299, evans.fraser@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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