

EPA Seeks Comments on Plan to Modify Two Existing Injection Well Permits

Republic Services of Michigan I, LLC
Wayne County, Michigan

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How to comment

You may comment on the proposed permit modification approvals in writing. Please refer to Republic Services of Michigan I, LLC draft permits number MI-163-1I-0009 and MI-163-1I-0010.

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R05-OW-2025-2832 at:

<https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-R05-OW-2025-2832>

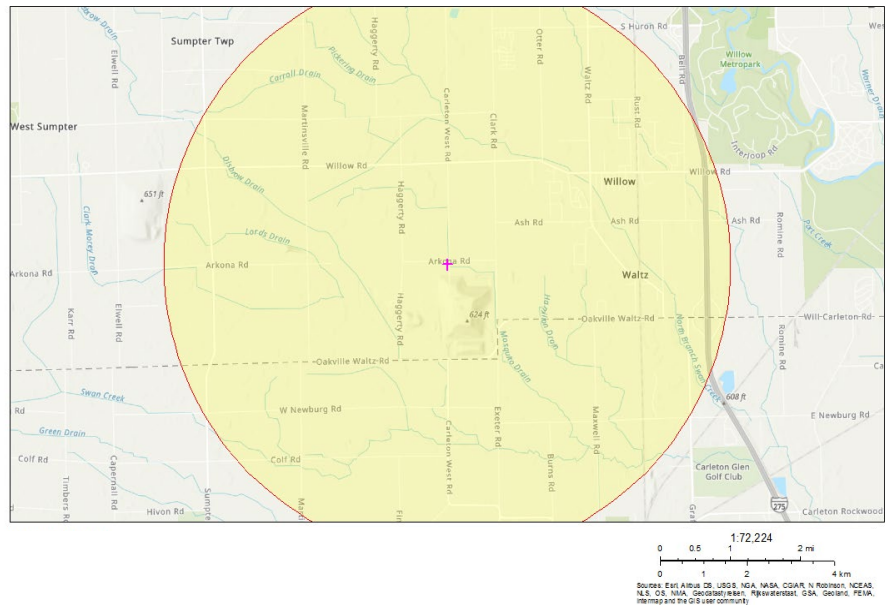
If you are unable to submit electronically to the docket, please contact Abigail Firsdon at firsdon.abigail@epa.gov or 312-353-0668 for instructions.

Comment Period

EPA will accept written comments until February 25, 2026.

Web resources

<https://go.usa.gov/3JwFP>



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to modify two permits for injection wells owned by Republic Services of Michigan I, LLC (Republic), 28800 Clark Road, Wayne County, Michigan. The existing permits are for two injection wells, IW 1-36N and IW 2-36E, that Republic uses to inject non-hazardous liquid waste from the Carleton Farms Landfill.

EPA first issued these permits in 2022. The proposed modifications will correct errors and update details as identified in drilling reports for these two wells. This includes changes to depths and listed formations of the injection zone. Only the conditions proposed for modification are re-opened for comment. EPA is accepting comments from the public on these proposed permit modification approvals (*see box, left*). The public comment period, which ends February 25, 2026, 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 applicable regulations at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 144 and 146.

How did EPA make its decision?

EPA made its draft decision to modify the permit by evaluating technical information, federal regulations, and EPA guidance documents.

What happens next in the permit process?

EPA will review all public comments before making a final decision on whether or not to approve the permit modifications. The Agency will respond to all significant comments on the draft modified permits.

Administrative Record

To request review of Administrative Record files or for additional information please contact Abigail Firsdon at 312-353-0668 or firsdon.abigail@epa.gov.

Legal Notice

You have the right to appeal any final permit decision if you make an official comment during the comment period or participate in a public hearing. A public hearing is not planned at this time.

The first appeal must be made to the Environmental Appeals Board; only after all agency review procedures have been exhausted may you file an action in the appropriate Circuit Court of Appeals.

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

Proposed Permit Modifications

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MODIFICATION

Update the depths listed as authorized for injection. MI-163-11-0009 changed from the originally listed depths of 3,178-3,500 ft. below ground level (BGL) to the updated depth of 3,178-3,843 ft. BGL. MI-163-11-0010 changed from the originally listed depths of 3,148-3,500 ft. BGL to the updated depth of 3,148-3,802 ft. BGL.

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Update the formations listed in both permits (MI-163-11-0009 and MI-163-11-0010) as authorized for injection to also include the Glenwood, Trempealeau, Franconia, Galesville, Eau Claire, and Granite Wash in addition to the Mt. Simon Sandstone.