

**CHAPTER 27**

**UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PROGRAM  
CLASS I AND V WELLS**

**Section 1. Authority.**

These regulations are promulgated pursuant to W.S. 35-11-101 through 1413, specifically 302, and no person shall cause, threaten or allow violations of any provision contained herein. These regulations fulfill Wyoming state obligations under Section 1422 of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Federal Underground Injection Control regulations found in 40 CFR 124 and 40 CFR 144-148 (both as of December 7, 1999).

**Section 2. Definitions.**

The following definitions supplement those definitions contained in Section 35-11-103 of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act.

(a) "Aquifer" means a zone, stratum or group of strata that can store and transmit water in sufficient quantities for a specific use.

(b) "Area of review" means the area for which information and analyses shall be submitted as part of an underground injection control permit application, and reviewed for issuance of a permit. The area of review must include all portions of an aquifer which will be affected in a measurable way within ten (10) years of the granting of a permit, assuming that the permit is complied with.

(c) "Background" means the constituents or parameters and the concentrations or measurements which describe water quality and water quality variability prior to the subsurface discharge.

(d) "Bore/casing annulus" means the space between the well bore and the well casing.

(e) "Casing/tubing annulus" means the space between the well casing and the tubing.

(f) "Cementing" means to seal the annular space around the outside of a casing string using a specially formulated Portland cement mixture or other hydraulic cement mixture to hold the casing in place and prevent any movement of fluid in this annular space. Cementing also includes operations to seal the well at the time of abandonment.

(g) "Cesspool" means a drywell that receives solely untreated domestic sewage, and which sometimes has an open bottom and/or perforated sides.

(h) "Class I well" means a well used to inject hazardous or non-hazardous industrial, commercial or municipal waste beneath the lowermost formation containing, within one- quarter

47 (1/4) mile of the well bore, an underground source of drinking water.  
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49 (i) "Class II well" means a well regulated by the Wyoming Oil and Gas  
 50 Conservation Commission, other than a Class II commercial disposal well, which injects fluids:  
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52 (i) Which are brought to the surface in connection with natural gas storage  
 53 operations, or conventional oil or natural gas production. Non-hazardous gas plant wastes may  
 54 be disposed of in a class II well pending Environmental Protection Agency co-approval.  
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56 (ii) For enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas.  
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58 (iii) For storage of hydrocarbons which are liquid at standard temperature and  
 59 pressure.  
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61 (j) "Class III well" means a well used for in situ mining which injects for extraction  
 62 of minerals, or products, or recovers recovery fluids, minerals or products, including a well  
 63 used in:  
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65 (i) Mining of sulfur by the Frasch process.  
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67 (ii) In situ mining of uranium or other metals; this category includes in situ  
 68 production from ore bodies that have not been conventionally mined by means of an open pit or  
 69 underground excavation.  
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71 (iii) In situ mining of salts, trona, or potash.  
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73 (iv) Underground coal gasification operations.  
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75 (v) Solution mining of open pits or underground excavations used for the  
 76 production of minerals, such as stopes leaching.  
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78 (vi) Fossil fuel recovery including coal, lignite, oil shale, and tar sands.  
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80 (vii) Experimental technologies, such as pilot scale in situ mining wells in  
 81 previously unmined areas.  
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83 (k) "Class IV well" means a well used to dispose of hazardous waste or radioactive  
 84 waste into or above a formation which contains, within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the well bore,  
 85 an underground source of drinking water. Class IV wells are prohibited by this Chapter.  
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87 Except that a well is not class IV if it is used to inject contaminated groundwater  
 88 that has been treated and reinjected into the same formation from which it is drawn for the  
 89 purpose of aquifer remediation where the ultimate cleanup criteria is protective of groundwater  
 90 standards of these regulations.  
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92 (l) "Class V facility" means any property which contains an injection well, drywell,

93 or subsurface fluid distribution system which is not defined as a Class I, II, III, or IV well in  
94 this chapter. The Class V facility includes all systems of collection, treatment, and control  
95 which are associated with the subsurface disposal. Appendix C of this chapter contains a list of  
96 Class V facilities.

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98 (m) "Cone of influence" means that area around a well within which increased  
99 discharge zone pressures caused by the injection would be sufficient to force fluids into an  
100 under- ground source of drinking water.

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102 (n) "Confining zone" means the zone in the well designated in the permit  
103 application to provide hydrologic separation between the receiver and any underground source  
104 of drinking water.

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106 (o) "Domestic sewage" means liquids or solid wastes obtained from humans and  
107 domestic activities including wastewater from activities such as showers, toilets, human wash  
108 basins, food preparation, clothes washing, and dishwashers.

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110 (p) "Draft permit" means a document indicating the tentative decision by the  
111 department to issue or deny, modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate a permit. A notice of  
112 intent to terminate a permit and a notice of intent to deny a permit are types of draft permits. A  
113 denial of a request for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination is not a draft  
114 permit. A draft permit for issuance shall contain all conditions and content, compliance  
115 schedules and monitoring requirements required by this chapter.

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117 (q) "Drywell" means a well, other than an improved sinkhole or subsurface  
118 distribution system, completed above the water table so that its bottom and sides are typically  
119 dry, except when receiving fluids.

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121 (r) "Duly authorized representative" means a specific individual or a position  
122 having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity. The  
123 authorization shall be made in writing by a responsible corporate officer and shall be submitted  
124 to the administrator.

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126 (s) "Endangerment" means exposure to actions or activities which could pollute  
127 groundwaters of the State.

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129 (t) "Fact sheet" means a document briefly setting forth the principal facts and the  
130 significant factual, legal, methodological, and policy questions considered in preparing the draft  
131 permit. Fact sheets for Class I wells are incorporated into the public notice.

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133 (u) "Fluid" means any material which flows or moves, whether semisolid, liquid,  
134 sludge, gas or any other form or state.

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136 (v) "General permit" means a permit issued to a class of operators, all of which  
137 inject similar types of fluids for similar purposes. General permits require less information to  
138 be submitted by the applicant than individual permits and do not require public notice for a

139 facility to be included under the authorization of a general permit.  
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141 (w) "Groundwater" means subsurface water that fills available openings in rock or  
142 soil materials such that they may be considered water saturated under hydrostatic pressure.  
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144 (x) "Groundwaters of the state" are all bodies of underground water which are  
145 wholly or partially within the boundaries of the state.  
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147 (y) "Hazardous waste" means a hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR 261.3.  
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149 (z) "Improved sinkhole" means a naturally occurring karst depression which has  
150 been modified by man for the purpose of directing and emplacing fluids into the subsurface.  
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152 (aa) "Individual permit" means a permit issued for a specific facility operated by an  
153 individual operator, company, municipality, or agency. An individual permit may be  
154 established as an area permit and include multiple points of discharge that are all operated by  
155 the same person.  
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157 (bb) "Injectate" means the wastewater being disposed of through any underground  
158 injection facility after it has received whatever pretreatment is done.  
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160 (cc) "Lithology" means the description of rocks on the basis of their physical and  
161 chemical characteristics.  
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163 (dd) "Long string casing" means a casing which is continuous from at least the top of  
164 the injection interval to the surface and which is cemented in place.  
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166 (ee) "Log" means to make a written record progressively describing the strata and  
167 geologic and hydrologic character thereof to include electrical, radioactivity, radioactive tracer,  
168 temperature, cement bond and similar surveys, a lithologic description of all cores, and test  
169 data.  
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171 (ff) "Mechanical integrity" means the sound and unimpaired condition of all  
172 components of the well or facility or system for control of a subsurface discharge and  
173 associated activities.  
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175 (gg) "Permit" means a Wyoming Underground Injection Control permit, unless  
176 otherwise specified.  
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178 (hh) "Permit by rule" means an authorization included in these rules which does not  
179 require either an individual permit or a general permit. A facility which is permitted by rule  
180 must meet the requirements found in this chapter, but is not required to apply for and obtain a  
181 permit to construct and operate the facility.  
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183 (ii) "Permittee" means the named permit holder.  
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185 (jj) "Point of compliance" means a point at which the permittee shall meet class of  
186 use standards for the receiver.

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188 (kk) "Point of injection" means the last accessible sampling point prior to waste  
189 fluids being released into the subsurface environment through a Class V injection well. For  
190 example the 'point of injection' of a Class V septic system might be the distribution box - the  
191 last accessible sampling point before the waste fluids drain into the underlying soils. For a dry  
192 well, it is likely to be the well bore itself.

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194 (ll) "Public hearing" means a non-adversary hearing held by the administrator or  
195 director of the department. The hearing is conducted pursuant to Chapter 3 of the Wyoming  
196 Department of Environmental Quality Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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198 (mm) "Radioactive waste" means any waste which contains radioactive material in  
199 concentrations that exceed those listed in 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix B, Table II, Column 2 as  
200 of December 22, 1993.

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202 (nn) "Receiver" means any zone, interval, formation or unit in the subsurface into  
203 which fluids and pollutants are discharged.

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205 (oo) "Responsible corporate officer" means a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice  
206 president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who  
207 performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation.

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209 (pp) "Secondarily affected aquifer" means any aquifer affected by migration of fluids  
210 from an injection facility, when the aquifer is not directly discharged into.

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212 (qq) "Septic system" means a facility that is used solely to emplace domestic sewage  
213 below the surface and is comprised of a septic tank and subsurface fluid distribution system.

214  
215 (rr) "Source water protection area" means the area delineated for the protection of  
216 ground and surface water sources for a public water supply under a department approved plan  
217 developed pursuant to Section 1453 of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

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219 (ss) "Subsurface discharge" means a discharge into a receiver.

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221 (tt) "Subsurface fluid distribution system" means an assemblage of perforated pipes  
222 or drain tiles used to distribute fluids below the surface of the ground. Subsurface fluid  
223 distribution systems include but are not limited to drain fields, leach fields, mounded leach  
224 fields, leach lines, bed type distribution systems, and gravel-less chamber type distribution  
225 systems.

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227 (uu) "Underground source of drinking water" means those aquifers or portions  
228 thereof which have a total dissolved solids content of less than 10,000 mg/L, and are classified  
229 as either Class I, II, III, IV (a), or Special (A), pursuant to Chapter 8, Quality Standards for  
230 Wyoming Groundwaters, Water Quality Rules and Regulations.

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232 (vv) "Vadose Zone" means the unsaturated zone in the earth, between the land  
 233 surface and the top of the first saturated aquifer which is not a perched water aquifer. The  
 234 vadose zone characteristically contains liquid water under less than atmospheric pressure, and  
 235 water vapor and air or other gases at atmospheric pressure. Perched water bodies exist within  
 236 the vadose zone.

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238 (ww) "Water quality management area" means the area delineated for the protection  
 239 of water quality under a department approved plan developed under Sections 303, 208 and/or  
 240 201 of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended.

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242 (xx) "Well" means an opening, excavation, shaft or hole in the ground allowing or  
 243 used for an underground injection or for the purpose of extracting a fluid, mineral, product or  
 244 pollutant from the subsurface or for monitoring.

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246 (yy) "Wellhead protection area" means the area delineated for the protection of a  
 247 public water supply utilizing a groundwater source under a department approved plan  
 248 developed pursuant to Section 1428 of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

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250 (zz) "Workover" means to pull the tubing, packer, or any downhole hardware from  
 251 the well and inspect, replace, or refurbish it prior to placing that hardware back in service, or to  
 252 enter the hole with any drilling tool.

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### 254 **Section 3. Applicability.**

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256 These regulations shall apply to all Class I, Class IV, Class V, commercial oil field waste  
 257 disposal wells and those gas plant waste wells not regulated by the Wyoming Oil and Gas  
 258 Conservation Commission. In addition, these regulations shall apply to any discharge to the  
 259 subsurface, including the vadose zone, for all of the types of discharges listed in Appendix C of  
 260 this chapter.

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### 262 **Section 4. Timing of Compliance with These Regulations for Class V Wells.**

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264 Any Class V permit issued under Chapters 9 or 16, Water Quality Rules and Regulations, prior  
 265 to the effective date of these regulations shall remain in effect until replaced by an individual  
 266 permit, a general permit or permit by rule pursuant to this chapter. Existing individual permits  
 267 issued under Chapters 9 or 16 will be reviewed on a five (5) year basis pursuant to Section 6 (c)  
 268 of this chapter. Any individual permit issued pursuant to Chapters 9 or 16 prior to the effective  
 269 date of these regulations fulfills all of the requirements to obtain a permit under this chapter.

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271 (a) All operators of existing systems which are required to obtain an individual  
 272 permit under these regulations shall obtain a permit by April 14, 2000.

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274 (b) General permits

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276 (i) Within two (2) years of the effective date of the general permit, all

277 operators of existing facilities which require coverage shall:

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279 (A) Apply for coverage under the general permit.

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281 (B) Apply for an individual permit for the facility.

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283 (C) Retain an existing permit issued under Chapter 9.

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285 (D) Cease discharging fluids to the subsurface.

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287 (ii) All operators of facilities which are required to be covered by a general  
288 permit which are constructed after the effective date of these regulations shall apply for and  
289 obtain coverage prior to the construction of the facility.

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291 (iii) Facilities will be covered by general permits as soon as the department  
292 has issued a written statement of acceptance to construct and operate the facility under the  
293 general permit. The department will issue a statement either accepting the operation for  
294 coverage under a general permit, or denying coverage under a general permit within 60 days of  
295 the date when the operator has requested coverage.

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297 (c) Permit by rule

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299 (i) All operators of existing facilities permitted by rule shall submit  
300 inventory information to the department within one (1) year of the effective date of this chapter.

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302 (ii) All operators of facilities permitted by rule which are to be constructed  
303 after the effective date of these regulations shall submit inventory information to the  
304 department prior to constructing the facility.

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306 **Section 5. Control of Class I well subsurface discharges; permit required;**  
307 **aquifer exemptions.**

308

309 (a) Class I wells shall be allowed only pursuant to the Wyoming Environmental  
310 Quality Act, Chapter 8, Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations, and this chapter.

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312 (b) Discharges into or construction of Class I wells are prohibited unless a permit  
313 has been obtained from the Department of Environmental Quality through the Water Quality  
314 Division.

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316 (c) Injections from Class I wells shall be restricted to those receivers defined as  
317 Class VI groundwaters by the department pursuant to Chapter 8, Quality Standards for  
318 Wyoming Groundwaters, Water Quality Rules and Regulations and receivers which have  
319 obtained an aquifer exemption pursuant to this section.

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321 (d) Permits may be issued for individual wells or on an area basis except Class I  
322 hazardous waste wells, which shall have individual permits.

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324 (e) The procedure for obtaining an aquifer exemption from the U.S. Environmental  
325 Protection Agency shall be as follows:

326  
327 (i) Water Quality Division shall submit one complete copy of the  
328 application, the Draft Permit, and the public notice to the U.S. Environmental Protection  
329 Agency, Region 8. This submission shall be made so that EPA receives the complete  
330 application at least twenty (20) days prior to the scheduled start of the public comment period.  
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332 (ii) When the aquifer exemption request is for an aquifer containing 3,000  
333 mg/L or more of total dissolved solids, the following procedure shall be used: Within forty five  
334 (45) days of EPA receipt of a complete aquifer exemption request, EPA shall provide the  
335 department a written interim determination of intention to issue or deny the aquifer exemption  
336 pending receipt and review of the results of the public participation process conducted by the  
337 department. The interim response will become final if there are no comments relating to the  
338 aquifer exemption request during the comment or hearing process. If comments are received  
339 during the public comment or hearing process, the interim response will become final if not  
340 modified by EPA in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of all comments.  
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342 (iii) An aquifer exemption request for an aquifer containing less than 3,000  
343 mg/L of total dissolved solids requires the aquifer exemption request to be processed as a  
344 program revision pursuant to 40 CFR 145.32.  
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## 346 **Section 6. Permits and Permit Applications.**

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348 (a) It is the operator's responsibility to make application for and obtain a permit in  
349 accordance with these regulations. Each application must be submitted with all supporting  
350 data.  
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352 (b) All permits issued under this chapter, whether individual permits, or general  
353 permits, shall be for no more than ten (10) years duration.  
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355 (c) Each permit shall be reviewed by the department at least once every five (5)  
356 years for continued validity of all permit conditions and contents. Permits that do not satisfy the  
357 requirements of these regulations are subject to modification, revocation and reissuance, or  
358 termination pursuant to this chapter.  
359

360 (d) Sections of permit applications filed under this chapter which represent  
361 engineering work shall be sealed, signed, and dated by a licensed professional engineer as  
362 required by Wyoming Statutes, Title 33, Chapter 29.  
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364 (e) Sections of permit applications filed under this chapter which represent geologic  
365 work shall be sealed, signed, and dated by a licensed professional geologist as required by  
366 Wyoming Statutes, Title 33, Chapter 41.  
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368 (f) A complete application for a Class I well shall include:



369  
 370 (i) A brief description of the nature of the business and the activities to be  
 371 conducted that require the applicant to obtain a permit under this chapter.  
 372

373 (ii) The name, address and telephone number of the operator, and the operator's  
 374 ownership status and status as a Federal, State, private, public or other entity.  
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376 (iii) The name address and telephone number of the facility. Additionally, the  
 377 location of the facility shall be identified by section, township, range and county, and whether  
 378 or not it is located on Indian lands.  
 379

380 (iv) A calculation of the area of review, which requires the calculation of the  
 381 cone of influence and the area of the ultimate limit of emplaced waste.  
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383 (A) The formula for determining the cone of influence is:  
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$$r = \left( \frac{2.25 K H t}{S 10^x} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

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 387 Where:  $x = \left( \frac{W}{G} - B \right) \left( \frac{4PKH}{2.3Q} \right)$   
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390 r = Radius of the cone of influence of an injection well (feet)

391 K = Hydraulic conductivity of the injection zone (feet/day)

392 H = Thickness of the injection zone (feet)

393 t = Time of injection (days)

394 S = Storage coefficient (dimensionless)

395 Q = Injection rate (cubic feet/day)

396 B = Original hydrostatic head of injection zone (feet) measured from the base of the  
 397 injection zone

398 W = Hydrostatic head of underground source of drinking water (feet) measured from  
 399 the base of the injection zone

400 G = Specific gravity of fluid in the injection zone (dimensionless)

401 P = 3.142 (dimensionless)  
 402

403 (B) A volume calculation to determine the maximum area that the  
 404 injected waste could occupy shall be submitted on all new Class I wells. This calculation  
 405 determines the total amount of void space around the well and assumes that the injected fluid  
 406 completely displaces the formation water.  
 407

408 (C) A Class I non-hazardous waste well's area of review shall never  
 409 be less than one-quarter (1/4) mile, the cone of influence, or the area of emplaced waste,  
 410 whichever is greatest.  
 411

412 (D) A Class I hazardous waste well's area of review shall never be

413 less than two (2) miles, the cone of influence, or the area of emplaced waste, whichever is  
414 greatest.

415  
416 (E) All Areas of Review shall be legally described by township,  
417 range and section to the nearest quarter quarter of a section.

418  
419 (v) Information about the proposed facility, including:

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421 (A) A description of the substances proposed to be discharged,  
422 including type, source, and chemical, physical, radiological and toxic characteristics; and  
423

424 (B) Construction and engineering details in accordance with Section  
425 12 of this chapter.

426  
427 (vi) Information, including the name, description, depth and geology of the  
428 receiver and confining zone and the hydrology, fluid chemistry, fluid pressure, temperature,  
429 fracture pressure and the total dissolved solids (TDS) in the receiver.

430  
431 (vii) Water quality information, including background water quality data,  
432 which will facilitate the classification of any groundwaters which may be affected by the  
433 proposed discharge. This must include information necessary for the Water Quality Division to  
434 classify the receiver as class VI under Chapter 8 Section 4(d)(9) of the Wyoming Water Quality  
435 Rules and Regulations.

436  
437 (viii) A topographic and other pertinent maps, extending at least one (1) mile  
438 beyond the property boundaries of the facility, but never less than the area of review, depicting:

439 (A) The facility and each of its intake and discharge structures;

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441 (B) Each of its hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal  
442 facilities;

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444 (C) Each well where fluids from the facility are injected  
445 underground;

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447 (D) Other wells, springs, and surface water bodies, and drinking  
448 water wells listed in public records or otherwise known to the applicant within a minimum one-  
449 quarter (1/4) mile of the facility property boundary, or further, as the administrator may  
450 determine is necessary; and  
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453 (E) General geology and hydrogeology in the area.

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455 (ix) A list of other relevant permits, whether federal or state, that the facility  
456 has been required to obtain, such as construction permits.

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458 (x) A listing of all wells that penetrate the confining zone and are within the

459 area of review, and records of plugging or completion, sufficient to satisfy the administrator as  
 460 to the adequacy of the plugging or completion.

461  
 462 (A) For those wells that the administrator determines have not been  
 463 adequately plugged, completed, or abandoned, or for wells which lack supporting information,  
 464 the applicant shall also submit a plan to prevent movement of fluids into Underground Source  
 465 of Drinking Waters through these wells, and this plan, after approval or modification by the  
 466 administrator, shall be incorporated as a permit condition.

467  
 468 (xi) Detailed plans for:

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 470 (A) Monitoring volume and chemistry of the discharge, and water  
 471 quality of water wells within the area of review;

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 473 (B) Monitoring injection and annular pressures in the well, to  
 474 minimize the potential for fracturing of the confining zone and below the receiver; and

475  
 476 (C) Corrective action to cope with alarms, shut-downs, malfunctions  
 477 or well failures, so as to prevent endangerment of groundwater.

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 479 (xii) Information sufficient to demonstrate mechanical integrity of the well,  
 480 and compatibility between the proposed discharge and the well material.

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 482 (xiii) Information sufficient to demonstrate compliance with Sections 12, 14,  
 483 15, 16, 17 and 19 of this chapter.

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 485 (xiv) All applications for permits shall be signed by a responsible officer as  
 486 follows:

487  
 488 (A) For a corporation - by a responsible corporate officer. For the  
 489 purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means:

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 491 (1) A President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Vice President of the  
 492 corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs  
 493 similar policy or decision making functions for the corporation; or

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 495 (2) The manager of one or more manufacturing, production,  
 496 or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or  
 497 expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign  
 498 documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate  
 499 procedures.

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 501 (B) For a partnership or sole proprietorship -- by a general partner or  
 502 the proprietor, respectively;

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 504 (C) For a municipality, state, federal or other public agency -- by

505 either the principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

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507 (xv) The application shall contain the following certification by the person  
508 signing the application:

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510 "I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my  
511 direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel  
512 properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or  
513 persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the  
514 information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true,  
515 accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false  
516 information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

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518 (xvi) All relevant data used to complete permit applications shall be kept for a  
519 minimum of three (3) years from the date of signing.

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521 (g) For Class V facilities the following are applicable:

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523 (i) A permit is required.

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525 (ii) Construction, installation, modifications or operation of Class V facilities  
526 shall be allowed only in accordance with these regulations.

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528 (iii) Discharges into, or construction of, any Class V facility are prohibited  
529 unless permitted pursuant to this chapter.

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531 (iv) Every facility shall be covered by one of the three types of permitting  
532 systems: individual; general; or permit by rule. The following sections of these regulations  
533 describe the permitting method for and subclasses of facilities. The owner or operator of a  
534 facility that can be covered by a general permit or authorized under permit by rule may apply  
535 for and be permitted by an individual permit if the owner or operator desires. Operators who do  
536 not meet the requirements for a general permit or permit by rule must obtain an individual  
537 permit prior to installation or construction of the Class V facility.

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539 (v) Permits may be issued for individual facilities or they may be issued on  
540 an area basis for multiple points of discharge operated by the same person.

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542 (vi) A separate permit to construct is not required under Chapter 3, Water  
543 Quality Rules and Regulations for any Class V facility. Requirements of the Chapter 3 permit  
544 to construct will be included in the underground injection control permit issued under this  
545 chapter.

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547 (h) Permit conditions and contents.

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549 (i) All Class I permits issued under this chapter shall contain the following  
550 conditions:

551  
 552 (A) A requirement that the injection pressure shall be limited to the  
 553 fracture pressure of the receiver, except as necessary during well stimulation, and, within one  
 554 (1) year of the issuance of the permit, the operator shall conduct a step-rate injection test to  
 555 determine the actual fracture pressure of the receiver.

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 557 (B) A requirement that mechanical integrity shall be maintained  
 558 continuously and be reviewed at least every five (5) years. The test used to determine  
 559 mechanical integrity shall be a two-part test approved by the administrator, who shall approve  
 560 only those tests that have been approved first by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's  
 561 Office of Drinking Water.

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 563 (I) Part one of the mechanical integrity test shall demonstrate  
 564 the absence of leaks through the packer, tubing, casing, and well head.

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 566 (II) Part two of the mechanical integrity test shall demonstrate  
 567 the absence of fluid movement behind the casing.

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 569 (III) Proposed mechanical integrity tests that have not yet been  
 570 approved shall be submitted to the administrator who shall forward the information to the U.S.  
 571 Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Drinking Water along with a request for approval,  
 572 if, in the administrator's opinion, it will adequately determine mechanical integrity of the well  
 573 system. A previously unauthorized mechanical integrity test submitted for approval shall  
 574 include:

575  
 576 (1.) The proposed method for demonstrating the lack  
 577 of significant leaks in the well;

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 579 (2.) The proposed method for showing the absence of  
 580 significant fluid movement; and

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 582 (3.) Any technical data supporting the use of this test.

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 584 (C) A Class I well that cannot demonstrate mechanical integrity shall  
 585 be shut down until such time as the mechanical integrity has been restored.

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 587 (D) A requirement that the packer be set within five-hundred (500)  
 588 feet of the top of the receiver, unless the administrator allows some other specific interval to be  
 589 used to set the packer, but always within the zone covered by excellent cement bond as shown  
 590 by the cement bond log.

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 592 (ii) Special conditions for Class I hazardous waste wells.

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 594 (A) All Class I hazardous waste wells permitted under this chapter  
 595 shall be subject to the special permit conditions listed below in addition to the conditions  
 596 applicable to all Class I well permits in this chapter.

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(B) All hazardous waste injection permits issued under this chapter shall include the following conditions:

(I) A requirement that the operator shall maintain a casing/tubing annulus pressure that exceeds the operating injection pressure, unless the administrator determines that such a requirement might harm the integrity of the well. The fluid used in the casing/tubing annulus shall be noncorrosive, and shall contain a corrosion inhibitor.

(II) A requirement that the operator shall follow special procedures when wastes have the potential to react with the injection formation or to generate gases either during or after injection. These procedures may take the form of special permit conditions that limit the temperature or pH of the injected waste and require the operator to follow procedures necessary to assure that pressure imbalances which might cause a backflow or blowout do not occur.

(III) A requirement that the operator shall install, maintain, and use continuous recording devices to monitor the injection pressure, flow rate, temperature, of injected fluids and pressure on the casing/tubing annulus, and shall install and use automatic alarm and shut-off systems designed to shut down the well when pressures, flow rates, and other parameters approved by the administrator exceed the range specified in the permit.

(IV) A requirement that the operator have a trained operator onsite at all times the well is operating.

(V) A requirement that if an automatic alarm or shutdown is triggered, the operator shall immediately investigate and identify as early as possible, the cause of the alarm or shutdown. If, upon such investigation, or if required monitoring indicates, that the well is lacking in mechanical integrity, the operator shall:

(1.) Cease all injections of waste fluids immediately.

(2.) Take all necessary steps to determine the presence or absence of a leak.

(3.) Notify the administrator within twenty-four (24) hours after the alarm or shutdown, using procedures and criteria listed in paragraph (h)(iii)(Q) of this section.

(4.) The operator shall restore and demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the administrator, mechanical integrity prior to resuming injection activities.

(VI) A requirement that whenever the operator obtains evidence that there may have been a release of injected wastes into an unauthorized zone, regardless of whether or not an automatic alarm or shutdown was triggered, the operator shall:

- 643 (1.) Immediately cease all injection activities.  
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645 (2.) Notify the administrator pursuant to the  
646 procedures outlined in paragraph (h)(iii)(Q) of this section. In addition to the information  
647 required by paragraph (h)(iii)(Q) of this section, the operator shall also include, as part of the  
648 written submission, a proposed remedial action plan, designed to minimize the adverse impact  
649 of the unauthorized release.  
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651 (3.) Comply with the requirements of any remedial  
652 action plan approved by the administrator.  
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654 (4.) Where the unauthorized release is into a Class I  
655 aquifer, as classified under Chapter 8, Quality Standards for Wyoming Groundwaters, Water  
656 Quality Rules and Regulations, which is currently serving as a water supply, the operator shall  
657 place a notice, describing the unauthorized release and the actions taken, in a newspaper of  
658 general circulation in the locality of the release.  
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660 (5.) The administrator may allow the operator to  
661 resume injection prior to completion of cleanup operations if the operator demonstrates, to the  
662 satisfaction of the administrator, that the injection activity will not endanger any Underground  
663 Source of Drinking Waters.  
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665 (VII) A requirement that the operator notify the administrator  
666 and obtain his approval prior to conducting any well workover.  
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668 (VIII) A requirement that the operator comply with the  
669 following federal regulations contained in 40 CFR 264 or applicable state hazardous waste  
670 regulations:  
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672 (1.) Identification numbers.  
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674 (2.) Recordkeeping and reporting for manifested  
675 wastes.  
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677 (3.) Manifest discrepancies.  
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679 (4.) Operating record requirements.  
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681 (5.) Annual reporting requirements and unmanifested  
682 waste reports.  
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684 (6.) Personnel training requirements.  
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686 (IX) When abandonment is completed, the operator must  
687 submit to the administrator certification by the operator and certification by an independent  
688 registered professional engineer that the facility has been closed in accordance with the

689 specifications detailed in the closure plan in Section 17 of this chapter.

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691 (iii) All individual and general permits issued under this chapter shall contain  
692 the following conditions:

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694 (A) A requirement that the permittee comply with all conditions of  
695 the permit and any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of these regulations and is  
696 grounds for enforcement action, permit termination, revocation, or modification.

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698 (B) A requirement that if the permittee wishes to continue injection  
699 activity after the expiration of the permit, the permittee must apply to the administrator for, and  
700 obtain, a new permit.

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702 (C) A stipulation that it shall not be a defense for a permittee in an  
703 enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in  
704 order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

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706 (D) A requirement that the permittee shall take all reasonable steps to  
707 minimize or correct any adverse impact on the environment resulting from noncompliance with  
708 this permit.

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710 (E) A requirement that the permittee properly operate and maintain  
711 all facilities and systems of treatment and control which are installed or used by the permittee to  
712 achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance  
713 includes effective performance, adequate funding and operator staffing and training, and  
714 adequate laboratory and process controls including appropriate quality assurance procedures.  
715 This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only  
716 when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

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718 (F) A stipulation that the filing of a request by the permittee, or at the  
719 instigation of the administrator, for a permit modification, revocation, termination, or  
720 notification of planned changes or anticipated non-compliance, shall not stay any permit  
721 condition.

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723 (G) A stipulation that this permit does not convey any property rights  
724 of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

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726 (H) A stipulation that the permittee shall furnish to the administrator,  
727 within a specified time, any information which the administrator may request to determine  
728 whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating the permit, or to  
729 determine compliance with the permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the administrator,  
730 upon request, copies of records required to be kept by the permit.

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732 (I) A requirement that the permittee shall allow the administrator, or  
733 an authorized representative of the administrator, upon the presentation of credentials, during  
734 normal working hours, to enter the premises where a regulated facility is located, or where



735 records are kept under the conditions of this permit, and inspect the discharge and related  
736 facilities, review and copy reports and records required by the permit, collect fluid samples for  
737 analysis, measure and record water levels, and perform any other function authorized by law or  
738 regulation.

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740 (J) A requirement that the permittee furnish any information  
741 necessary to establish a monitoring program pursuant to Section 15 of this chapter.

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743 (K) A requirement that all samples and measurements taken for the  
744 purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity, and records of all  
745 monitoring information be retained by the permittee. The monitoring information to be retained  
746 shall be that information stipulated in the monitoring program established pursuant to the  
747 criteria in Section 15 of this chapter.

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749 (L) A requirement that all applications, reports, and other information  
750 submitted to the administrator contain certifications as required in Section 6 (f) (xv) of this  
751 chapter, and be signed by a person who meets the requirements to sign permit applications  
752 found in Section 6 (f) (xiv), or for routine reports, a duly authorized representative;

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754 (M) A requirement that the permittee give advance notice to the  
755 administrator as soon as possible of any planned physical alteration or additions, other than  
756 authorized operation and maintenance, to the permitted facility and receive authorization prior  
757 to implementing the proposed alteration or addition.

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759 (N) A requirement that any modification which may result in a  
760 violation of a permit condition shall be reported to the administrator, and any modification that  
761 will result in a violation of a permit condition shall be reported to the administrator through the  
762 submission of a new or amended permit application.

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764 (O) A requirement that any transfer of a permit must first be approved  
765 by the administrator, and that no transfer will be approved if the facility is not in compliance  
766 with the existing permit unless the proposed permittee agrees to bring the facility into  
767 compliance.

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769 (P) A requirement that monitoring results shall be reported at the  
770 intervals specified elsewhere in the permit.

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772 (Q) A requirement that reports of compliance or non-compliance  
773 with, or any progress reports on interim and final requirements contained in any compliance  
774 schedule, if one is required by the administrator, shall be submitted no later than thirty (30)  
775 days following each schedule date.

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777 (R) A requirement that confirmed noncompliance resulting in the  
778 migration of injected fluid into any zone outside of the permitted receiver must be orally  
779 reported to the administrator within 24 hours, and a written submission shall be provided within  
780 five (5) days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the excursion. The written submission

781 shall contain:

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783 (I) A description of the noncompliance and its cause.

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785 (II) The period of noncompliance, including exact dates and  
786 times, and, if the noncompliance has not been controlled, the anticipated time it is expected to  
787 continue; and

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789 (III) Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent  
790 reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

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792 (S) A requirement that the permittee report all instances of  
793 noncompliance not already required to be reported under paragraphs (h) (iii) (P) through (R) of  
794 this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the  
795 information listed in paragraph (h) (iii) (R) of this section.

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797 (T) A requirement that in the situation where the permittee becomes  
798 aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect  
799 information in a permit application or in any report to the administrator, the permittee shall  
800 promptly submit such facts or information.

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802 (U) A requirement that the injection facility meet construction  
803 requirements outlined in Section 10 of this chapter, and that the permittee submit notice of  
804 completion of construction to the administrator and allow for inspection of the facility upon  
805 completion of construction, prior to commencing any injection activity.

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807 (V) A requirement that the permittee notify the administrator at such  
808 times as the permit requires before conversion or abandonment of the facility.

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810 (W) A requirement that an abandonment report, detailing the  
811 compliance abandonment procedures outlined in the original permit application, or describing  
812 any deviations from the original plan, be submitted as soon as practicable after abandonment,  
813 and is complete.

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815 (X) A requirement that injection may not commence until  
816 construction is complete.

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818 (Y) In addition to the conditions required of all permits, the  
819 administrator may establish, on a case-by-case basis, conditions as required for monitoring,  
820 schedules of compliance, and such additional conditions as are necessary to prevent the  
821 migration of fluids into underground sources of drinking water.

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823 **Section 7. Permit Processing Procedures.**

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825 (a) For Class I wells the following are applicable:

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827 (i) The applicant shall file seven (7) copies of the permit application with  
828 the Water Quality Division.  
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830 (ii) Within sixty (60) days of submission of the application, the administrator  
831 shall make an initial determination of completeness. An application shall be determined  
832 complete when the administrator receives an application and any supplemental information  
833 necessary to determine compliance with these regulations.  
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835 (iii) An incomplete application will be processed in the following manner:  
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837 (A) For an extremely incomplete application, additional information  
838 shall be requested in detail or the application will be returned to the applicant. Incomplete  
839 permit applications will result in permit denial.  
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841 (B) If an application is denied because of incompleteness  
842 necessitating a request for additional information, the applicant shall have a maximum of six  
843 (6) months to comply with the requests. If the applicant fails to provide the requested  
844 information within that period, the entire incomplete application shall be returned.  
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846 (C) Resubmittal of information by an applicant on an incomplete  
847 application will begin the process described in subsection (a)(ii) of this section.  
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849 (iv) During any sixty (60) day review period where an application is  
850 determined complete, the administrator shall take one of the following actions:  
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852 (A) Prepare a draft permit for issuance or denial, prepare a fact sheet  
853 on the proposed operation, and provide public notice pursuant to Section 21; or  
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855 (B) Provide the applicant notice that the permit is deficient and state  
856 the deficiencies in the application.  
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858 (v) Determinations of deficiency by the Department are appealable by the  
859 applicant to the Environmental Quality Council. Requests for appeal must be in writing, state  
860 the reasons for appeal, and be made to both the Director and the Chairman of the  
861 Environmental Quality Council. A deficient application is considered a permit denial but is not  
862 subject to the public notice requirements of Section 22 unless a hearing is requested by the  
863 applicant. Resubmittal of information for a deficient application will start the sixty (60) day  
864 review period again.  
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866 (vi) Denials of permit applications will be pursuant to procedures outlined in  
867 paragraph (d) of this section.  
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869 (vii) All draft permits for Class I wells require public notice pursuant to  
870 Section 21 of this chapter.  
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872 (b) For Class V wells that require an Individual Permit, the following are applicable:

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874 (i) The applicant shall submit five (5) copies of the permit application to the  
875 division.

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877 (A) Within 60 days of submission of the application, the  
878 administrator shall make an initial determination of completeness. An application shall be  
879 determined complete when the administrator receives an application and any supplemental  
880 information necessary to determine compliance with these regulations.

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882 (ii) Resubmittal of information by an applicant on an incomplete application  
883 will begin the process described in paragraph (b)(i)(A) of this section.

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885 (iii) During any 60 day review period where an application is determined  
886 complete, the administrator shall prepare a draft permit for issuance or denial, prepare a fact  
887 sheet on the proposed operation, and provide public notice pursuant to Section 21.

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889 (iv) A denial of the application by the department is appealable by the  
890 applicant to the Environmental Quality Council in accordance with the Rules of Practice and  
891 Procedure. Requests for appeal must be in writing, state the reasons for appeal, and be made to  
892 both the director and the chairman of the Environmental Quality Council.

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894 (c) For Class V wells that require a General Permit, the following are applicable:

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896 (i) In order to be covered by a general permit, an operator must submit all  
897 information required in Section 9 (c) (i), (ii), and (iii), plus any additional information required  
898 to be submitted or reported in the issued general permit. The submittal requesting coverage by  
899 a general permit shall be signed by a person meeting the same signatory requirements of  
900 Section 6 (f) (xiv) and shall be certified in accordance with Section 6 (f) (xv). Facilities will be  
901 covered by general permits as soon as the department has issued a written statement of  
902 acceptance to allow the construction and operation of the facility under the general permit. The  
903 department will issue an authorization accepting the operation for coverage under the general  
904 permit or denying coverage under the general permit, within 60 days of the date when the  
905 operator requested coverage. Requests for coverage under a general permit, which do not meet  
906 the requirements for general permit pursuant to this chapter, may be denied by the  
907 administrator.

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909 (ii) If a general permit has been issued by the department, an operator of a  
910 facility must register the facility with the department and sign a statement agreeing to be bound  
911 by the conditions of that permit. Failure to register for general permit coverage, when available,  
912 is the same as operation of a facility without a permit, unless an individual permit has been  
913 obtained.

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915 (iii) Once issued, general permits must remain the same for all persons  
916 covered by the permit. A general permit may be modified in accordance with Section 7 (d)  
917 (vii). Any such modification must cover all persons covered by the permit.

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919 (d) Permit modification, denial, revocation, termination and transfer.

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921 (i) Permits may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated either at  
922 the request of any interested person (including the permittee or licensee) or upon the  
923 administrator's initiative. However, permits may only be modified, revoked and reissued, or  
924 terminated for the reasons specified in this section. All requests shall be in writing and shall  
925 contain facts or reasons supporting the request.

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927 (ii) If the Administrator decides the request is not justified, he or she shall  
928 send the requester a brief written response giving the reason for the decision. A request for  
929 modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination shall be considered denied if the  
930 Administrator takes no action within 60 days after receiving the written request. Denials of  
931 requests for modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination are not subject to public  
932 notice and comment. Denials by the administrator may be appealed for hearing to the  
933 Environmental Quality Council by a letter briefly setting forth the relevant facts.

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935 (iii) If the administrator tentatively decides to modify or revoke and reissue a  
936 permit, a draft permit incorporating the proposed changes shall be prepared. The  
937 administrator may request additional information and, in the case of a modified permit, may  
938 require the submission of an updated application. In the case of revoked and reissued permits,  
939 the administrator shall require the submission of a new application.

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941 (iv) In a permit modification under Section 7 (d) (vii) of this chapter, only  
942 those conditions to be modified shall be reopened when a new draft permit is prepared. All  
943 other aspects of the existing permit shall remain in effect for the duration of the unmodified  
944 permit and the modified permit shall expire on the date when the original permit would have  
945 expired. When a permit is revoked and reissued under this section, the entire permit is  
946 reopened as if the permit has expired and is being reissued. When the entire permit is  
947 reopened, the modified permit shall be issued for no more than ten (10) years. During any  
948 revocation and reissuance proceeding, the permittee shall comply with all conditions of the  
949 existing permit until a new final permit is issued.

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951 (v) Proposed permit modifications, revocations or terminations shall be  
952 developed as a draft permit and are subject to the public notice and hearing requirements  
953 outlined in Section 21.

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955 (vi) For Class I wells the administrator shall modify a permit or license  
956 when:

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958 (A) Any material or substantial alterations or additions to the facility  
959 occur after permitting or licensing, which justify the application of permit conditions that are  
960 different or absent in the existing permit; or

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962 (B) Any modification in the operation of the facility is capable of  
963 causing or increasing pollution in excess of applicable standards or permit conditions.

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965 (C) Information warranting modification is discovered after the  
966 operation has begun that would have justified the application of different permit conditions at  
967 the time of permit issuance;

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969 (D) Regulations or standards upon which the permit or license was  
970 based have changed by promulgation of amended standards or regulations or by judicial  
971 decision after the permit was issued;

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973 (E) Cause exists for termination, as described in this section, but the  
974 department determines that modification is appropriate; or

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976 (F) Modification is necessary to comply with applicable statutes,  
977 standards or regulations.

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979 (vii) For Class V wells the administrator may modify a permit when:

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981 (A) Any material or substantial alterations or additions to the facility  
982 occur after permitting or licensing, which justify the application of permit conditions that are  
983 different or absent in the existing permit;

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985 (B) Any modification in the operation of the facility is capable of  
986 causing or increasing pollution in excess of applicable standards or permit conditions;

987  
988 (C) Information warranting modification is discovered after the  
989 operation has begun that would have justified the application of different permit conditions at  
990 the time of permit issuance;

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992 (D) Regulations or standards upon which the permit was based have  
993 changed by promulgation of amended standards or regulations, or by judicial decision after the  
994 permit was issued;

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996 (E) Cause exists for termination, as described in this section, but the  
997 department determines that modification is appropriate; or

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999 (F) Modification is necessary to comply with applicable statutes,  
1000 standards or regulations.

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1002 (viii) Minor modifications of permits may occur with the consent of the  
1003 permittee without following the public notice requirements. Minor modifications will become  
1004 final twenty (20) days from the date of receipt of such notice. For the purposes of this chapter,  
1005 minor modifications may only:

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1007 (A) Correct typographical errors;

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1009 (B) Require more frequent monitoring or reporting by the permittee;

1011 (C) Change an interim compliance date in a schedule of compliance,  
1012 provided the new date is not more than 120 days after the date specified in the existing permit  
1013 and does not interfere with attainment of the final compliance date requirement;

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1015 (D) Allow for a change in ownership or operational control of a  
1016 facility where the administrator determines that no other change in the permit is necessary,  
1017 provided that a written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit  
1018 responsibility, coverage, and liability between the current and new permittees have been  
1019 submitted to the administrator;

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1021 (E) Change quantities or types of fluids injected that are within the  
1022 capacity of the facility as permitted and, in the judgment of the administrator, would not  
1023 interfere with the operation of the facility or its ability to meet conditions described in the  
1024 permit and would not change its classification;

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1026 (F) Change construction requirements approved by the administrator  
1027 pursuant to department rules and regulations provided that any such alteration shall comply  
1028 with the requirements of this chapter; or

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1030 (G) Amend an abandonment plan.

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1032 (ix) For a Class I well the administrator may deny a permit for any of the  
1033 following reasons:

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1035 (A) The application is incomplete; or

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1037 (B) Other justifiable reasons necessary to carry out the provisions of  
1038 the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act.

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1040 (C) If the applicant has been and continues to be in violation of the  
1041 provisions of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act.

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1043 (x) For Class I wells the administrator shall deny a permit for any of the  
1044 following reasons:

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1046 (A) The project, if constructed and/or operated, will cause violation  
1047 of applicable state surface or groundwater standards;

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1049 (B) The application contains a proposed construction or operation  
1050 which does not meet the requirements of this chapter; or

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1052 (C) The application does not provide documentation to comply with  
1053 financial responsibility requirements of Section 19.

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1055 (D) The administrator shall deny any permit for which the U.S.  
1056 Environmental Protection Agency has denied an aquifer exemption.

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1058 (E) When the department intends to deny a permit for any reason  
1059 other than an incomplete or deficient application, a draft permit shall be prepared and public  
1060 notice issued pursuant to Section 21.  
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1062 (xi) For Class V wells the director may deny an individual permit for any of  
1063 the following reasons:  
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1065 (A) The application is incomplete;  
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1067 (B) The project, if constructed and/or operated, will cause violation  
1068 of applicable state surface or groundwater standards;  
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1070 (C) The application contains a proposed construction or operation  
1071 which does not meet the requirements of this chapter;  
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1073 (D) The permitted facility would be in conflict with or is in conflict  
1074 with a state approved local wellhead protection plan, state approved local source water  
1075 protection plan, or state approved water quality management plan; or  
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1077 (E) Other justifiable reasons necessary to carry out the provisions of  
1078 the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act.  
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1080 (F) If the director intends to deny an individual permit for any reason  
1081 other than an incomplete or deficient application, a draft permit shall be prepared and public  
1082 notice issued pursuant to Section 21 of this chapter.  
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1084 (xii) The administrator may revoke and reissue or terminate a permit for any  
1085 of the following reasons:  
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1087 (A) Noncompliance with terms and conditions of the permit;  
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1089 (B) Failure in the application or during the issuance process to  
1090 disclose fully all relevant facts, or misrepresenting any relevant facts at any time; or  
1091  
1092 (C) A determination that the activity endangers human health or the  
1093 environment and can only be regulated to acceptable levels by a permit modification or  
1094 termination.  
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1096 (xiii) The administrator may modify a permit or license to resolve issues that  
1097 could lead to the revocation or consider any of the reasons in the preceding paragraph as  
1098 sufficient justification to terminate a permit or license. The administrator as part of any  
1099 notification of intent to terminate a permit or license shall order the permittee or licensee to  
1100 proceed with reclamation on a reasonable time period.  
1101  
1102 (xiv) Permits for Class I wells will be automatically terminated after closure



1103 and release of the financial responsibility requirements of Section 19 by the department.

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1105 (xv) Transfer of a permit is allowed only upon approval by the administrator.

1106 When a permit transfer occurs pursuant to this section, the permit rights of the previous

1107 permittee will automatically terminate.

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1109 (A) The proposed permit holder shall apply in writing as though that  
1110 person was the original applicant for the permit and shall further agree to be bound by all of the  
1111 terms and conditions of the permit.

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1113 (B) Transfer will not be allowed if the permittee is in noncompliance  
1114 with any term and conditions of the permit, unless the transferee agrees to bring the facility  
1115 back into compliance with the permit.

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1117 (C) When a permit transfer occurs, the administrator may modify a  
1118 permit pursuant to this section. The administrator shall provide public notice pursuant to  
1119 Section 21 for any modification other than a minor modification defined by this section.

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1121 (D) The potential transferee shall file a statement of qualifications to  
1122 hold a permit with the administrator.

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1124 **Section 8. Records and Reports.**

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1126 (a) Monitoring reports required by the permit shall be submitted to the  
1127 administrator.

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1129 (b) Monitoring results shall be reported in the annual reports unless otherwise  
1130 specified.

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1132 (c) The permittee shall submit a written report to the administrator of all remedial  
1133 work concerning the failure of equipment or operational procedures which resulted in a  
1134 violation of a permit condition, at the completion of the remedial work.

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1136 (d) For any aborted or curtailed operation, in lieu of an annual report, a complete  
1137 report shall be submitted within thirty (30) days of complete termination of the discharge or  
1138 associated activity.

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1140 (e) Routine periodic reports required by the permit shall be submitted to the  
1141 administrator within thirty (30) days following the end of the period covered in the report.  
1142 Reports shall include, if applicable, the following information:

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1144 (i) An accounting of the total volume of fluid injected for the period covered  
1145 by the report, the year to date, and the life of the well to date.

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1147 (ii) An analysis of the physical, chemical and other relevant characteristics  
1148 of the injected fluid.

- 1149  
1150 (iii) A complete description of any event that triggered any alarm or  
1151 shutdown the well, and the response taken.  
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1153 (iv) A complete description of any event where maximum annular or  
1154 injection pressures, as specified in the permit, were exceeded.  
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1156 (v) The average, maximum and minimum injection pressures for each  
1157 month.  
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1159 (vi) Any well workover.  
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1161 (f) Quarterly and annual reports for hazardous waste wells shall also include a  
1162 description of any change in the volume of fluid in the casing/tubing annulus of the well, and an  
1163 explanation of the temperature/volume relationships covering the fluid. Any addition or  
1164 withdrawal of fluids from the casing/tubing annulus shall be noted.  
1165  
1166 (g) The results of any mechanical integrity test, or any other testing done on a well,  
1167 shall be submitted to the administrator within thirty (30) days or with the next quarterly report,  
1168 whichever comes later, following the completion of the test.  
1169  
1170 (h) The permittee shall retain all monitoring records required by the permit for a  
1171 period of three (3) years following facility closure.  
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1173 **Section 9. Individual Permits for Class V Facilities.**  
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- 1175 (a) The operator shall submit an application and obtain a permit prior to the  
1176 construction, installation, modification or operation of any facility in the following subclasses:  
1177 5A3; 5B3; 5B5; 5C1; 5C2; 5C3; 5D1; 5D3; 5D4; 5E3, 5E4 and 5F2 unless the facility is  
1178 covered by a general permit. In addition, any facility not authorized under Sections 10 and 11,  
1179 and operators directed by the administrator to obtain an individual permit, shall obtain an  
1180 individual permit under this section.  
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1182 (b) The operator is responsible to make application for and obtain a permit. Each  
1183 application must be submitted with all supporting data required in this chapter.  
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1185 (c) A complete application for a Class V facility individual permit shall include:  
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1187 (i) A brief description of the nature of the business and the activities to be  
1188 conducted that require the applicant to obtain a permit under this chapter.  
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1190 (ii) The name, address and telephone number of the operator, and the  
1191 operator's ownership status and status as a federal, state, private, public or other entity.  
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1193 (iii) The name address and telephone number of the facility. Additionally,  
1194 the location of the facility shall be identified by section, township, range and county.

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(iv) A calculation of the area of review including:

(A) A calculation to determine the maximum area affected by the injected waste for all Class V facilities constructed or modified after the effective date of these regulations. This calculation determines the total amount of void space around and down gradient from the point of injection and uses accepted groundwater theory to determine the extent of any affected groundwater around the facility.

(B) A Class V area of review shall never be less than the area of potentially impacted groundwater.

(C) All areas of review shall be legally described by township, range and section to the nearest ten (10) acres as described under the general land survey system.

(v) Information about the proposed facility including:

(A) A description of the substances proposed to be discharged, including type, source, and chemical, physical, radiological and toxic characteristics; and

(B) Construction and engineering details in accordance with Section 13 of this chapter and Chapter 11 Water Quality Rules and Regulations.

(vi) Information, including the name, description, depth, geologic structure, faulting, fracturing, lithology, hydrology, and fluid pressure of the receiver and any relevant confining zones. The fracture pressure of the receiver shall be submitted only if the injection is under pressure into a confined aquifer.

(vii) Water quality information including background water quality data which will facilitate the classification of any groundwaters which may be affected by the proposed discharge. This must include information necessary for the division to classify the receiver and any secondarily affected aquifers under Chapter 8, Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations.

(viii) A topographic and other pertinent maps, extending at least one (1) mile beyond the property boundaries of the facility, but never less than the area of review, depicting:

(A) The facility and each of its intake and discharge structures;

(B) Each well, drywell or subsurface fluid distribution system where fluids from the facility are injected underground;

(C) Other wells, springs, and surface water bodies, and drinking water wells listed in public records or otherwise known to the applicant within the area of review; and

1241 (D) Bedrock and surficial geology, geologic structure, and  
 1242 hydrogeology in the area.

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 1244 (ix) A list of other relevant permits, whether federal or state, that the facility  
 1245 has been required to obtain, such as construction permits. This includes a statement as to  
 1246 whether or not the facility is within a state approved water quality management plan area, a  
 1247 state approved wellhead protection area or a state approved source water protection area.

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 1249 (x) Detailed plans for monitoring the volume and chemistry of the discharge,  
 1250 and water quality of selected water wells within the area of review in accordance with Section  
 1251 15 of this chapter.

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 1253 (xi) All applications for permits, reports, or information to be submitted to  
 1254 the administrator shall be signed by a responsible officer as described in Section 6(f)(xiv) and  
 1255 the application shall contain the certification contained in Section 6(f)(xv) of this chapter.

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 1257 (xii) All data used to complete permit applications shall be kept by the  
 1258 applicant for a minimum of three (3) years from the date of signing.

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1260 **Section 10. General Permits for Class V Facilities.**

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1262 (a) The department may develop and issue general permits pursuant to these  
 1263 regulations which cover Class V facilities for the following subclasses: 5A1, 5A2, 5B1, 5C4,  
 1264 5C5, 5C6, 5D1, 5D2, 5E1, 5E3, and 5E5. The administrator may issue general permits in other  
 1265 categories as the need arises. 5E3 facilities which were permitted as small wastewater systems  
 1266 prior to April 14, 1998 are permitted by rule under Section 8(c)(v) and are not covered by this  
 1267 section. Facilities in these subclasses which have already been issued individual permits under  
 1268 Chapter 9 or Chapter 16, Water Quality Rules and Regulations may continue under these  
 1269 permits until they are terminated, revoked and reissued, or canceled at the request of the  
 1270 operator. Coverage shall not be extended to any facility if such a facility would be in violation  
 1271 of any state approved source water protection area. Facilities in these subclasses not presently  
 1272 covered by an individual permit will be authorized by permit by rule until the general permit for  
 1273 the specific subclass is issued. The operator of a facility listed in this section shall have two (2)  
 1274 years after the date of issuance of the general permit to:

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1276 (i) Obtain coverage under the issued general permit;

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1278 (ii) Submit an application and receive an individual permit under this  
 1279 chapter.

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1281 (iii) Continue to be covered by a permit issued pursuant to Chapter 9 of these  
 1282 regulations.

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1283 (iv) Abandon the facility in accordance with Section 18.

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1285 (b) General permits shall also include:

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- 1287 (i) The permit conditions required in Section 6(h)(iii).  
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- 1289 (ii) A requirement to submit information necessary for the department to  
 1290 make an assessment of the vulnerability of the environment and public health to the injection  
 1291 from the Class V well. Such information may include the depth to the groundwater table at the  
 1292 disposal field, groundwater quality or existing available information on the lithology, geology,  
 1293 hydrogeology and the location of the following items within 1/4 mile of the Class V facility:  
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- 1295 (A) All water supply wells and the uses of each respective well;  
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- 1297 (B) All property boundaries and land uses;  
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- 1299 (C) All surface water bodies or springs; and  
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- 1301 (D) All known sources of groundwater contamination or pollution.  
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- 1303 (E) All state approved source water protection areas, wellhead  
 1304 protection areas, 201 service areas, or water quality management plan areas.  
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- 1306 (iii) Depth below the ground surface for the point of injection and for the well  
 1307 screening in all wells within the area of review;  
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- 1309 (iv) A requirement for facilities constructed after April 14, 1998 that the  
 1310 operator certifies the facility will meet the design, construction, and operational performance  
 1311 requirements in Section 13 for the specific subclass of facility.  
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- 1313 (v) A requirement that the operator submit the disposal capacity of the  
 1314 facility in gallons per day as calculated using Tables 1 and 2, Water Quality Rules and  
 1315 Regulations Chapter 25. Some facilities may be required to monitor the volume of injectate  
 1316 actually disposed of, or the volume of water used in the area served by the Class V facility.  
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- 1318 (c) The administrator may require any operator covered by a general permit to  
 1319 obtain an individual permit for the facility when a review of the information submitted under  
 1320 this section indicates that the general permit would not be protective of groundwater in that  
 1321 specific case. Any operator covered by a general permit may at any time apply for and obtain  
 1322 an individual permit for the same facility. Once issued, an individual permit will replace  
 1323 coverage by the general permit for that facility.  
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- 1325 (d) General permits will contain the subclass of injection facility covered, the  
 1326 geographic area covered, the general nature of the fluids to be discharged, and the location of  
 1327 the receiver where the discharge will be allowed. General permits will follow the public notice  
 1328 requirements of Section 22 of this chapter. During each five (5) year review of a general  
 1329 permit, a public notice shall be issued by the department stating that a five (5) year review has  
 1330 been done, listing the facilities covered by a general permit, and stating where the public may  
 1331 obtain a copy of the permit.  
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1333 (e) Operators of new injection facilities who believe that their facility may be  
 1334 covered by a general permit in class 5C6 facilities may apply for coverage under the general  
 1335 permit for that subclass. If not accepted for coverage under this general permit, the operator  
 1336 shall apply for an individual permit under subclass 5C3.

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 1338 (f) Operators of new injection facilities who believe that their facility may be  
 1339 covered by a general permit in class 5E5 facilities may apply for coverage under the general  
 1340 permit for that subclass. If not accepted for coverage under this general permit, the operator  
 1341 shall apply for an individual permit under subclass 5E3.

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 1343 (g) In order to obtain coverage under the general permit all operators of class 5C6  
 1344 and 5E5 shall submit detailed construction drawings and an abbreviated groundwater study  
 1345 showing the approximate depth to groundwater and a list of water wells within one half mile of  
 1346 the facility.

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 1348 (h) General permits may be written to require the operator to monitor the water  
 1349 quality of the injected fluid and to submit the information to the department. Existing facilities  
 1350 under this section may be required to monitor injectate quality on a one time basis, on a  
 1351 quarterly basis, a semi-annual basis or annual basis depending on the ability of the facility to  
 1352 cause adverse environmental damage or affect human health.

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 1354 (i) General permits for Class 5C5 coal bed methane injection facilities shall require  
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 1357 (i) Each operator provide background information showing that the class of  
 1358 use under Chapter 8 for each injection zone will not be violated by the injection of coal bed  
 1359 methane produced water.

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 1361 (ii) A valid pressure falloff curve be recorded for each well within one (1)  
 1362 year of the start of injection into that well.

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 1364 (iii) The pressure of injection be continuously recorded and that the pressure  
 1365 of injection be limited to no more than the fracture pressure of the receiving formation. This  
 1366 requirement can be met by assuming that the fracture gradient of the receiver is .70 psi/foot of  
 1367 depth and using the depth of the topmost perforation in making the calculation.

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 1369 **Section 11. Permit by Rule for Class V Facilities.**

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 1371 The types of Class V facilities listed in this section represent minimal threats to pollute  
 1372 groundwater. The referenced facilities which meet the requirements of this section are  
 1373 permitted by rule. A permit by rule requires the owner or operator to submit information  
 1374 contained in this section before construction, installation or modification of a facility and to  
 1375 meet the performance standards contained in this section and in Section 13 of this Chapter. No  
 1376 facility shall be located within a state approved local wellhead protection area, state approved  
 1377 source water protection area or a state approved water quality management area which is in  
 1378 conflict with any of those plans.

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(a) A facility permitted by rule under this section shall meet the following conditions:

(i) In addition to the information listed in Section 9 (c) (i), (ii) and (iii) of this chapter, the operator shall submit the following inventory information to the department prior to construction for facilities constructed after the effective date of these regulations and within one (1) year of the effective date of these regulations for existing facilities: (Facilities which are already registered with the Underground Injection Control Program, or which were issued a permit under Chapters 3, 9 or 16, need not send a new registration, but may be asked for updated information from time to time.)

(A) The location of the facility, either a complete legal description or latitude and longitude preferably within a (ten) 10 meter accuracy.

(B) Type and general description of the quality of the injected fluid.

(C) The disposal capacity of the facility in gallons per day.

(D) Depth of injection zone.

(E) Whether or not the facility is operating, temporarily abandoned, or permanently abandoned.

(ii) The facility shall be designed, constructed and operated to protect groundwater standards contained in Chapter 8, Water Quality Rules and Regulations and performance standards found in this section and in Section 13 of this chapter.

(iii) Chemical, bacteriological, radiological additives, hazardous substances or toxic substances additives shall not be mixed in the injected fluid at any time during use of the water, prior to injection or during injection.

(iv) Any violation of the requirements of these regulations by a Class V facility operator permitted by rule shall be reported to the department by telephone within twenty-four (24) hours of the time when the operator becomes aware of the violation. A written report shall be filed by the operator with the department within seven (7) days detailing steps which have been taken and will be taken to eliminate the violation.

(b) All facilities, referenced in this section, which do not meet the requirements of subsection (a) shall obtain an individual permit under this chapter. For facilities constructed or modified after the effective date of these regulations requiring an individual permit, the owner or operator shall obtain the permit prior to any construction.

(c) The following classes of facilities are permitted by rule under this section:

(i) 5B2 facilities, except any facility which injects wastewater or contains

1425 polluted groundwater or surface water in concentrations above the receiver use standards  
 1426 contained in Chapter 8, Water Quality Rules and Regulations.

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 1428 (ii) After the effective date of these regulations, coal bed methane operators  
 1429 cannot be covered by 5B2 aquifer recharge rule authorizations. All coal bed methane disposal  
 1430 systems must be covered by a general permit or an individual permit under this chapter if they  
 1431 inject into an Underground Source of Drinking Water, or a Class II permit issued by the  
 1432 Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission if they inject into a Class VI aquifer.

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 1434 (iii) 5B4 facilities, provided that the water injected will not cause a  
 1435 groundwater standards violation under Chapter 8, Water Quality Rules and Regulations.

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 1437 (iv) 5B6 and 5B7 facilities;

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 1439 (v) 5D5 facilities, except those facilities receiving water polluted above the  
 1440 receiving groundwater class of use standards contained in Chapter 8, Water Quality Rules and  
 1441 Regulations and facilities injecting swimming pool wastes into a Class I groundwater.

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 1443 (vi) 5E3 facilities which were originally permitted under a small wastewater  
 1444 system permit issued by the Department of Environmental Quality or a local government  
 1445 delegated the authority to issue small wastewater system permits, located within any five (5)  
 1446 acres of land where the cumulative maximum peak daily wastewater flow injected from other  
 1447 small wastewater system permitted facilities under the same ownership would exceed 2,000  
 1448 gallons per day.

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 1450 (vii) 5F1 facilities, provided that information contained in Section 13 (m) of  
 1451 this chapter is submitted.

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 1453 (d) A permit by rule where the operator has provided the necessary information  
 1454 shall be valid until the facility is properly closed pursuant to these regulations or until a permit  
 1455 has been issued or denied under this chapter.

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 1457 (e) The administrator may request information from the owner or operator of a well  
 1458 or facility permitted by rule to determine whether the facility may be causing a violation of  
 1459 groundwater use standards in Chapter 8, Water Quality Rules and Regulations, the construction  
 1460 standards found in this chapter and in Chapter 11, Water Quality Rules and Regulations, or any  
 1461 other requirements of this chapter. Such information may include, but is not limited to:

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 1463 (i) Analysis of injected fluids and periodic submission of reports of such  
 1464 monitoring.

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 1466 (ii) Groundwater monitoring and periodic submission of reports of such  
 1467 monitoring.

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 1469 (iii) Description of receiving strata.

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1471 (iv) Well locations and down gradient use of groundwater.  
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1473 (f) Any request for information under this section shall be made in writing and  
1474 include a brief statement of the reasons for requesting the information. An owner or operator  
1475 shall submit the information within the time frames provided in the request for information.  
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1477 (g) The administrator may require any operator permitted by rule to obtain an  
1478 individual permit for the facility when a review of the information submitted under paragraph  
1479 (e) of this section indicates that the permit by rule would not be protective of groundwater in  
1480 that specific case.  
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1482 **Section 12. Construction Standards for Class I Wells.**  
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1484 (a) All existing and new Class I wells shall be constructed to prevent the movement  
1485 of fluids into any underground source of drinking water, permit the use of testing devices and  
1486 workover tools, and permit continuous monitoring of injection tubing and long string casing, as  
1487 required under Sections 6 (h)(i) and 6 (h)(ii) of this chapter.  
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1489 (b) All well materials shall be compatible with the wastes that may be contacted.  
1490 The applicant shall submit data necessary to document compatibility.  
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1492 (c) Casing and cement used in the construction of each newly drilled well shall be  
1493 designed for the life expectancy of the well. The applicant shall provide all information  
1494 required to make a determination based on these factors:  
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1496 (i) Depth to the injection zone.  
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1498 (ii) Injection pressure, external pressure, internal pressure, and axial loading.  
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1500 (iii) Hole size.  
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1502 (iv) Size and grade of all casing strings (wall thickness, diameter, nominal  
1503 weight, length of joints, joint specifications and construction material).  
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1505 (v) Corrosiveness of injected fluid, formation fluids, and temperatures.  
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1507 (vi) Lithology of injection and confining intervals.  
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1509 (vii) Type or grade of cement.  
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1511 (d) Construction requirements for Class I hazardous waste wells.  
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1513 (i) For casing and cementing requirements, the applicant shall provide all  
1514 information necessary to make a determination of adequacy based on quantity and chemical  
1515 composition of injected fluids.  
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1517 (ii) One surface casing string shall, at a minimum, extend into the confining  
1518 zone below the lowest Underground Source of Drinking Water and be cemented by circulating  
1519 cement from the base of the casing to the surface, using a minimum of one-hundred twenty  
1520 percent (120%) of the calculated annular volume. The administrator may require more than  
1521 one- hundred twenty percent (120%) when the geology or other circumstances warrant a greater  
1522 percentage.

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1524 (iii) At least one long string casing, using a sufficient number of centralizers,  
1525 shall extend to the receiver and shall be cemented by circulating cement to the surface in one or  
1526 more stages:

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1528 (A) Of sufficient quantity and quality to withstand the maximum  
1529 operating pressure.

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1531 (B) In a quantity no less than one hundred twenty percent (120%) of  
1532 the calculated volume necessary to fill the annular space. The administrator may require more  
1533 than one hundred twenty percent (120%) when the geology or other circumstances warrant a  
1534 greater percentage.

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1536 (iv) Circulation of cement may be accomplished by staging. The  
1537 administrator may approve an alternative method of cementing in cases where the cement  
1538 cannot be recirculated to the surface, provided the operator can demonstrate by logs that the  
1539 cement is continuous and does not allow fluid movement behind the casing.

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1541 (v) Casings, including any casing connections, must be rated to have  
1542 sufficient structural strength to withstand, for the life the well, the maximum burst and collapse  
1543 pressures which may be experienced during the construction, operation, and closure of the well.  
1544 Casings shall also be rated to withstand the maximum tensile stress which may be experienced  
1545 at any point along the entire length of the casing during construction, operation, and closure of  
1546 the well.

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1548 (vi) At a minimum, cement and cement additives shall be of sufficient  
1549 quantity and quality to maintain mechanical integrity over the design life of the well.

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1551 (vii) For tubing and packer, the applicant shall provide all information  
1552 necessary to make a determination of adequacy based on these factors:

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1554 (A) Depth of setting.

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1556 (B) Characteristics of the injection fluid, including chemical content,  
1557 corrosiveness, temperature, and density.

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1559 (C) Injection pressure.

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1561 (D) Annular pressure.

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1563 (E) Rate (intermittent or continuous), temperature, and volume of  
 1564 injected fluid.

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 1566 (F) Size of casing; and  
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1568 (G) Tubing tensile, burst, and collapse strengths.  
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1570 (viii) During the drilling and construction of a Class I hazardous waste well,  
 1571 appropriate logs and tests shall be run to determine or verify the depth, thickness, porosity,  
 1572 permeability, and rock type of, and the salinity of any entrained fluids in all relevant geologic  
 1573 units to assure compliance with the performance standards of Section 16 of this chapter, and to  
 1574 compile baseline data against which future measurements may be compared. A descriptive  
 1575 report interpreting results of such logs and tests shall be prepared by the operator and submitted  
 1576 to the administrator. At a minimum, such logs shall include:

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 1578 (A) Deviation checks made during drilling of all Class I hazardous  
 1579 waste wells. Such checks shall be done at sufficiently frequent intervals to determine the  
 1580 location of the borehole.

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 1582 (B) Such other logs and tests as may be needed after taking into  
 1583 account the availability of similar data in the area of the drilling site, the construction plan and  
 1584 the need for additional information that may arise as construction of the well progresses. At a  
 1585 minimum, the following logs shall be required:

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 1587 (I) When installing the surface casing: resistivity,  
 1588 spontaneous potential, and caliper logs shall be run before the installation of the casing. A  
 1589 cement bond log and variable density log and temperature log are required after the surface  
 1590 casing is installed and before the well is deepened.

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 1592 (II) When installing the long string casing: resistivity,  
 1593 spontaneous potential, porosity, caliper, gamma ray and fracture finder logs are required before  
 1594 the casing is installed. After the casing is installed and cemented, a cement bond log and  
 1595 variable density log are required before the well is completed.

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 1597 (III) The administrator may allow the use of an alternative to  
 1598 the logs described above, when, in the administrator's opinion, the alternative will provide  
 1599 equivalent or better information.

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 1601 (C) A mechanical integrity test as described in Section 6(h)(i) of this  
 1602 chapter.

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 1604 (D) Whole core or sidewall cores of the confining zone and receiver  
 1605 and formation fluid samples from the receiver shall be taken. The administrator may accept  
 1606 cores from nearby wells if the operator can demonstrate, to the administrator's satisfaction, that  
 1607 core retrieval is not possible, and the other cores are representative of the conditions in the well.  
 1608 The administrator may require the operator to core other formations in the borehole.

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 1610 (ix) The fluid temperature, pH, conductivity, pressure, and static fluid level  
 1611 of the discharge zone shall be recorded during construction.

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 1613 (x) At a minimum, the following information about the injection and  
 1614 confining zones shall be calculated or determined during construction:

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 1616 (A) The physical and chemical characteristics of the rock itself; and

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 1618 (B) Physical and chemical characteristics of the formation fluids.

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 1620 (C) Upon completion of construction, but still prior to operation, the  
 1621 operator shall conduct either pump tests or injectivity tests to verify the hydrogeologic  
 1622 characteristics of the discharge zone.

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 1624 (e) Fluid seals are not allowed in place of a packer in any Class I well.

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 1626 **Section 13. Construction and Operation Standards for Class V Wells.**

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 1628 (a) All Class V facilities must meet or exceed the design standards of these  
 1629 regulations including Part B of Chapter 11 and Chapter 26, Water Quality Rules and  
 1630 Regulations.

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 1632 (b) All Class V facilities shall be constructed to permit the use of testing devices,  
 1633 and allow monitoring of injected fluid quality. Class V facilities shall be constructed to provide  
 1634 for metering of the injectate volume if the individual or general permit requires such metering.

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 1636 (c) All heating and cooling facilities (5A1, 5A2 and 5A3) shall include:

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 1638 (i) Provision for the use of non-toxic circulating medium in closed loop  
 1639 systems or an operating system which cannot be made to operate with fluid leaking.

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 1641 (ii) Provision for operations without the use of corrosion inhibitors, biocides,  
 1642 or other toxic additives in open loop systems.

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 1644 (iii) Provisions to control the total dissolved solids of waters injected into  
 1645 open loop systems to the class of use standard.

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 1647 (iv) Provisions for automatic shutdown of the system in the event of a fluid  
 1648 loss from a closed loop system or a loss of any product to an open loop system.

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 1650 (v) Provisions to ensure that injected water does not come to the surface or  
 1651 flood any subsurface structure in the immediate vicinity of the injection system.

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 1653 (vi) Provisions to ensure that known groundwater contamination is not spread  
 1654 by the direct injection of contaminated water or by movement of contamination from one zone

1655 to another caused indirectly by the injection.

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1657 (d) All mining, sand and backfill facilities (5B1) shall include:

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1659 (i) Provision for insuring mechanical integrity of any well designed to  
1660 remain in service for more than 60 days.

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1662 (ii) Provision for controlling the type of material injected and to insure that  
1663 no hazardous waste is injected.

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1665 (iii) Provision for leak detection in all surface piping.

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1667 (iv) Provision for insuring that the backfill remains within the permitted area  
1668 of injection.

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1670 (v) Provision to insure that the injection does not cause a groundwater  
1671 standards violation for the class of use of the receiver.

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1673 (e) All beneficial use injection facilities (5B2, 5B3, 5B4, 5B5, 5B6, and 5B7) shall  
1674 include:

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1676 (i) Plans to insure that contaminants do not enter the injection stream.

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1678 (ii) Information to show that the injection will accomplish the desired goal  
1679 stated in the application.

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1681 (iii) Target restoration values for the groundwater in the affected area being  
1682 remediated for 5B5 facilities.

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1684 (f) All commercial and industrial Class V facilities (5C1, 5C2, 5C3 and 5C4) shall:

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1686 (i) Include a pre-treatment plan to insure that toxic materials (substances)  
1687 are not discharged to the groundwater at concentrations higher than the class of use standards  
1688 found in Chapter 8, Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations or any primary drinking  
1689 water standard found in 40 CFR 141 (as of June 6, 2001), whichever is more stringent;

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1691 (ii) Conform to applicable construction standards found in Chapter 25,  
1692 Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations; and

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1694 (iii) Include, at a minimum, annual sampling of the waste injected as part of  
1695 the monitoring plan for the facility.

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1697 (g) When a 5C3 facility receiving slaughter house wastes can demonstrate that no  
1698 violations of groundwater standards will occur, the facility shall be:

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1700 (i) Designed for the following minimum disposal capacities:

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1702 (A) 300 gallons per day for plant cleanup plus.  
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1704 (B) 25 gallons per head of cattle slaughter capacity.  
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1706 (C) 40 gallons per head of hog slaughter capacity.  
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1708 (D) 35 gallons per head of sheep slaughter capacity.  
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1710 (E) Appropriate capacity for any other species slaughtered on a per  
1711 head basis.  
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1713 (ii) Designed to prevent the disposal of blood and viscera into the septic  
1714 system except as a small incidental portion of the total flow. Blood and viscera shall be sent to  
1715 a rendering plant or other approved disposal or recycling system.  
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1717 (iii) A grease trap shall be provided ahead of the septic system with a total  
1718 capacity equal to one half of the total required capacity of the septic tank.  
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1720 (h) All drainage facilities (those with the code number 5D on Appendix C) shall  
1721 include:  
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1723 (i) A plan to preclude the inadvertent introduction of contaminants into the  
1724 wastewater stream.  
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1726 (ii) An operations and maintenance manual detailing maintenance required,  
1727 reporting requirements for known spills affecting the facility, and steps to be taken to prevent  
1728 the introduction of contaminants in the event of a spill within the area served by the facility.  
1729  
1730 (iii) Maps showing the area where runoff will be transported to the drainage  
1731 facility.  
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1733 (i) All agricultural drainage facilities (5D1) injecting surface runoff from animal  
1734 waste piles, feedlots, or dairy operations for which a demonstration can be made that the  
1735 groundwater standards can be met, shall be designed for treatment in a septic tank, lagoon, or  
1736 other treatment technology prior to injection. The following requirements apply to these  
1737 systems:  
1738  
1739 (i) The treatment facility shall be sized for the strength and solids content of  
1740 the wastewater to be treated.  
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1742 (ii) The flow capacity requirements shall include all runoff from operations  
1743 within the collection area and all runoff from precipitation up to and including a 25 year, 24  
1744 hour design storm.  
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1746 (iii) The flow capacity requirements for drainage from a fully enclosed dairy

1747 or feeding operation shall be as follows:

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1749 (A) 20 gallons per day per animal up to 50 pounds.

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1751 (B) 100 gallons per day per animal up to 500 pounds.

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1753 (C) 200 gallons per day per animal over 500 pounds.

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1755 (iv) The subsurface fluid distribution system shall be designed in accordance  
1756 with general design requirements found in Chapter 25.

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1758 (j) All sewage disposal (5E) facilities shall:

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1760 (i) Conform to applicable construction standards found in Chapter 25,  
1761 Wyoming Water Quality Rules and Regulations;

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1763 (ii) Comply with applicable sections of Chapter 11, Parts B and C, Water  
1764 Quality Rules and Regulations for all piping systems or storage facilities feeding existing or  
1765 Class V facilities constructed after the effective date of these regulations; and

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1767 (iii) Be designed for the maximum daily peak flow determined from Tables 1  
1768 and 2 of Chapter 25, Water Quality Rules and Regulations. In addition, whenever multiple  
1769 points of discharge under one owner within any five (5) acres of land have a design capacity  
1770 under Chapter 25 to inject more than a total of 2,000 gallons per day of domestic sewage, they  
1771 shall be permitted under this chapter in the same manner that they would be permitted if all the  
1772 waste were delivered to a single point of discharge.

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1774 (k) All aquaculture return flow facilities (5E1) shall include pretreatment in a  
1775 lagoon, septic tank, or oxidation ditch sized for the strength and volume of the wastes to be  
1776 disposed of.

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1778 (l) All domestic wastewater treatment plant disposal facilities (5E4) shall also  
1779 include:

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1781 (i) Provisions for filtering of the waste and disinfection of the injectate.

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1783 (ii) An environmental monitoring program, including pre-discharge,  
1784 operational monitoring, and post discharge monitoring.

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1786 (iii) Monitoring of the injectate on at least a weekly basis for nitrate as N,  
1787 ammonia as N, and coliform bacteria.

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1789 (iv) Design to prevent groundwater standards violations as defined by  
1790 Chapter 8, Water Quality Rules and Regulations.

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1792 (v) The points of compliance shall be at down gradient monitor wells

1793 installed on land owned by the same utility that operates the treatment plant and injection  
1794 facilities whenever the point of injection is not the point of compliance.

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1796 (vi) Requirements for the submission, approval and conformance with an  
1797 operational and maintenance manual.

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1799 (m) All cathodic protection facilities (5F1) shall include:

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1801 (i) A seal of sodium bentonite or sodium bentonite grout is required from  
1802 the surface to a minimum depth of three (3) feet. A second sodium bentonite or sodium  
1803 bentonite grout seal is required for a minimum thickness of three (3) feet, just above the top of  
1804 the coke breeze. After the sodium bentonite has been placed in the hole, it shall be hydrated to  
1805 insure a proper seal. The remainder of the hole between these seals may be backfilled with  
1806 cuttings. The above seals may be placed directly in the hole or may be placed outside of a  
1807 surface pipe of sufficient length to reach down to the anodes. If a surface pipe is used, no seals  
1808 are required inside the pipe except during final abandonment.

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1810 (ii) All aquifers encountered while drilling shall be isolated from one another  
1811 using a bentonite seal of at least two (2) feet in vertical dimension.

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1813 (iii) The coke breeze shall be a high quality product containing a minimum of  
1814 leachable metals or organic pollutants. The coke breeze shall not discharge any pollutant which  
1815 will cause a groundwater standard violation.

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1817 (iv) Surface access to the anode shall be kept sealed and locked at all times  
1818 when the anode is not actually being serviced.

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1820 (v) Each separate aquifer penetrated shall require a separate breather pipe.  
1821 Each aquifer shall remain in hydrologic isolation from each other if they were isolated prior to  
1822 installation.

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1824 (vi) If it becomes necessary to wet any anode installed under this section,  
1825 only water from a public water supply or water meeting all of the standards for Class I  
1826 groundwater of the state shall be used unless the division is first supplied with an analyses of  
1827 the water for approval.

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1829 (vii) Each 5F1 facility shall be marked in the field with a sign showing the  
1830 name, address, and telephone number of the operator who installed the system. Upon  
1831 abandonment, such markers shall remain in place.

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1833 (viii) A 5F1 facility shall not be installed within 200 feet of any pipeline,  
1834 wellhead, storage tank, mud pit or other potential source of pollution unless the operator's  
1835 surface rights prevent this requirement from being met.

1836  
1837 (n) Except for beneficial use facilities, Class V facilities shall not be located within  
1838 200 feet of any active public water supply well, regardless of whether or not the well is



1839 completed in the same aquifer. This minimum distance may increase or the existence of a  
 1840 Class V facility may be prohibited within a state approved wellhead protection area, source  
 1841 water protection area or water quality management plan area.

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 1843 (o) Class 5C6 and 5E5 facilities shall meet the construction standards and separation  
 1844 distances appropriate for the design flow as shown in Chapter 25.

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 1846 (p) Class 5C5 coal bed methane injection facilities shall:

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 1848 (i) Provide for metering of water injected into each well.

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 1850 (ii) Be constructed to insure that the water injected reaches the intended  
 1851 receiver and only the intended receiver. The intended receiver shall be identified by geologic  
 1852 formation and/or member name as well as the depth of that receiver below ground surface.

1853  
 1854 (iii) Provide for disinfection of the water injected if analysis shows that  
 1855 coliform bacteria, sulfate reducing bacteria or iron fixing bacteria are present in the water as  
 1856 pumped from the coal seam. Treatment methods must be methods that would be appropriate  
 1857 for treating water in a public water supply system.

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 1859 (iv) Provide for injection at a pressure of less than the fracture pressure of the  
 1860 receiver.

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 1862 (v) Provide for monitoring of the quality of the injected water on a periodic  
 1863 basis.

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 1865 (vi) Provide notification of the intent to obtain coverage under the general  
 1866 permit to all surface owners, mineral owners or water rights owners, oil and gas owners and the  
 1867 owners of coal leases within one-half mile of the proposed point of injection.

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 1869 (vii) Provide for pressure testing of the casing before injection and at least  
 1870 once every five (5) years thereafter. The casing shall be pressure tested up to an indicated  
 1871 surface pressure of 700 psi and held for 15 minutes. A passing result is indicated if the casing  
 1872 still has 690 psi at the end of the 15 minute shut in time.

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 1874 **Section 14. Siting conditions for Class I Wells.**

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 1876 (a) All Class I wells shall be situated such that they inject into a formation that is  
 1877 beneath the lowermost Underground Source of Drinking Water within one-quarter (1/4) mile of  
 1878 the well or within two (2) miles for Class I hazardous waste injection wells, and the discharge  
 1879 zone has sufficient permeability, porosity, thickness, and extends over a sufficient area to  
 1880 prevent migration of fluids into any underground source of drinking water.

1881  
 1882 (b) Class I wells shall be limited to areas that are determined by the administrator to  
 1883 be geologically suitable for the prevention of migration of fluids into underground source of  
 1884 drinking waters. In determining geological suitability, the administrator shall consider the

1885 following information submitted by the applicant:

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1887 (i) An analysis of the structural and stratigraphic geology, hydrogeology,  
1888 and seismicity of the region.

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1890 (ii) An analysis of the local geology and hydrogeology of the well site,  
1891 including, at a minimum, detailed information regarding the stratigraphy, structure, and rock  
1892 properties, aquifer hydrodynamics, and mineral resources.

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1894 (iii) A determination that the geology of the area can be described  
1895 confidently, and, for hazardous waste wells only, that the waste fate and transport can be  
1896 accurately predicted through the use of models.

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1898 (c) The operator shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the administrator that:

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1900 (i) The confining zone is free from faults or fractures over an area sufficient  
1901 to prevent the migration of fluids into a underground source of drinking water, and contains at  
1902 least one formation of sufficient thickness and characteristics capable of preventing vertical  
1903 propagation of fractures; and

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1905 (ii) The confining zone is separated from the base of the lowermost  
1906 underground source of drinking water by at least one (1) sequence of permeable and less  
1907 permeable strata that will provide an added layer of protection in the event of fluid movement  
1908 through an unlocated borehole or fault.

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1910 (iii) Within the area of review, the piezometric surface of the fluid in the  
1911 receiver is less than the piezometric surface of the lowermost underground source of drinking  
1912 water considering density effects, injection pressures, and any significant pumping of the  
1913 overlying aquifer; or

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1915 (iv) There are no underground sources of drinking waters present.

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1917 (d) The administrator may approve a site which does not meet the above  
1918 requirements, if the operator can demonstrate that because of the site's geology, nature of the  
1919 waste, or other considerations, it would not cause endangerment to any underground source of  
1920 drinking waters.

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1922 **Section 15. Environmental Monitoring Program.**

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1924 (a) The monitoring program shall be adequate to ensure knowledge of migration  
1925 and behavior of the discharge in the receiver.

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1927 (i) Monitoring may be required for any circumstance where groundwaters of  
1928 the state could be affected.

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1930 (ii) The extent and design of a monitoring system shall be sufficient to deal

1931 with the pollution potential of the proposed discharge.

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1933 (iii) Before construction or installation of a Class I or V facility, a monitoring  
1934 program, when required, shall be adequate to establish baseline conditions of the receiver.

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1936 (b) The monitoring program shall consist of any or all of the following:

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1938 (i) Pre-discharge or pre-operational monitoring.

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1940 (ii) Operational monitoring.

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1942 (iii) Post-discharge or post-operational monitoring.

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1944 (iv) Record keeping and reporting.

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1946 (v) Such additional requirements established by the administrator to meet the  
1947 purposes of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and these regulations.

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1949 (c) Each monitoring program shall include maps and cross-sections, where  
1950 appropriate, showing the location, lithology, and screening interval of each monitoring site.

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1952 (d) The operator is responsible for properly installing, operating, maintaining and  
1953 removing all necessary monitoring equipment.

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1955 (e) The operator shall develop and follow a written waste analysis plan that  
1956 describes the procedures to be carried out to obtain detailed chemical and physical analyses of a  
1957 representative sample of the waste, including quality assurance procedures to be used. Once  
1958 approved by the department, the operator shall not deviate from the plan without filing an  
1959 amended plan and obtaining department approval for that amended plan. At a minimum, any  
1960 plan shall include:

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1962 (i) The parameters for which the waste will be analyzed, the rationale for  
1963 the selection of these parameters, and the test methods to be used to test for these parameters.

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1965 (ii) The sampling method that will be used to obtain a representative sample  
1966 of the waste.

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1968 (iii) The operator shall repeat the analysis of the injected wastes in the  
1969 manner and on the schedule described in the waste analysis plan, and when process or operating  
1970 changes occur that may significantly alter the characteristics process, or operating changes  
1971 occur that may significantly alter the characteristics of the waste stream.

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1973 (A) The operator shall conduct continuous or periodic monitoring of  
1974 selected parameters as required by the administrator.

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1976 (B) The operator shall ensure that the plan remains accurate and the

1977 analyses remain representative.

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1979 (f) Requirements for Class I Wells:

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1981 (i) At a minimum, the permittee shall monitor the pressure in the injection  
1982 zone annually, including at a minimum, a shutdown of the well for a time sufficient to conduct  
1983 a valid observation of the pressure falloff curve.

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1985 (ii) When prescribing a monitoring system, the administrator may also  
1986 require:

1987 (A) Continuous monitoring for pressure changes in the first aquifer  
1988 overlying the confining zone. When such a well is installed, the operator shall, on a quarterly  
1989 basis, sample the aquifer and analyze for constituents specified by the administrator.

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1991 (B) The use of indirect, geophysical techniques to determine the  
1992 position of the waste front, the water quality in a formation designated by the administrator, or  
1993 to provide other site specific data.

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1995 (C) Periodic monitoring of the groundwater quality in the first aquifer  
1996 overlying the receiver.

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1998 (D) Periodic monitoring of the groundwater quality in the lowermost  
1999 underground source of drinking water; and

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2001 (E) Any additional monitoring necessary to determine whether fluids  
2002 are moving into or between any aquifers penetrated by the well.

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2004 (F) The administrator may require seismicity monitoring when he has  
2005 reason to believe that the injection activity may have the capacity to cause seismic disturbances.

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2007 (iii) Testing and monitoring requirements for all Class I hazardous waste  
2008 wells shall include:

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2010 (A) Submission of information by the applicant demonstrating that  
2011 the waste stream and its anticipated reaction products will not alter the permeability, thickness,  
2012 or other relevant characteristics of the confining or discharge zones such that they would no  
2013 longer meet the requirements specified when the area of review was calculated.

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2015 (B) Submission of information by the applicant demonstrating that  
2016 the waste will be compatible with the well materials with which the waste is expected to come  
2017 into contact and a description of the methodology used to make that determination.

2018 Compatibility for purposes of this requirement is established if contact with injected fluids will  
2019 not cause the well materials to fail to satisfy any design requirement imposed under Section 12  
2020 of this chapter.

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2022 (C) The administrator shall require continuous corrosion monitoring

2023 of the construction materials in the well for all wells where the pH of the injection fluid is less  
2024 than two (2) or greater than eleven (11), and may require such monitoring of other wastes. This  
2025 monitoring may be conducted by placing samples of the well construction materials in contact  
2026 with the waste stream or routing the waste stream through a loop constructed of the same  
2027 materials used in the well, or by using an alternative method approved by the administrator.  
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2029 (D) If a corrosion monitoring program is required, the test shall use  
2030 identical materials to those used in the construction of the well, and such materials shall be  
2031 continuously exposed to the operating pressures, temperatures, and flow rates of the injection  
2032 operation as measured at the well head. The operator shall monitor the materials for loss of  
2033 mass, thickness, pitting, and other signs of corrosion on a quarterly basis to ensure that the well  
2034 components meet the minimum standards for material strength and performance set forth in  
2035 Section 12 of this chapter.  
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2037 (iv) In addition to the above-mentioned requirements, operators of Class I  
2038 hazardous waste wells shall also conduct mechanical integrity testing as follows:  
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2040 (A) The long string casing, injection tubing, and annular seals shall be  
2041 tested by means of an approved pressure test with liquid or gas on an annual basis and  
2042 whenever there has been a well workover.  
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2044 (B) The bottom-hole cement shall be tested by means of an approved  
2045 radioactive tracer survey annually.  
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2047 (C) An approved temperature, noise, or other approved log shall be  
2048 run at least once every five (5) years to test for movement of fluid along the borehole. The  
2049 administrator may require such tests whenever the well is worked over.  
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2051 (D) Casing inspection logs shall be run at least once every five (5)  
2052 years, unless the administrator waives this requirement due to well construction or other factors  
2053 which limit the test's reliability.  
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2055 (E) Any other test approved by the administrator may also be used.  
2056 Procedures for approval of unauthorized mechanical integrity tests are outlined in Section  
2057 6(h)(i)(B) of this chapter.  
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2059 (F) The administrator shall be given the opportunity to witness all  
2060 logging and drill stem testing done by the operator at any time during the permitting of any well  
2061 under this chapter. The operator shall submit a schedule of such planned logging and testing to  
2062 the administrator at least thirty (30) days prior to the first test.  
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2064 (g) Requirements for Class V Wells:  
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2066 (i) All Class V permits shall contain a point of compliance. The point of  
2067 compliance shall be the point of injection or specific monitor wells located down gradient of  
2068 the injection facilities.

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(A) For facilities where the point of compliance is the point of injection, the fluid to be injected shall be limited to the class of use standards for the receiver as found in Chapter 8 of these regulations or any primary drinking water standard found in 40 CFR 141, (as of June 6, 2001) whichever is more stringent. The permittee may be required to maintain monitor wells in the vicinity of the discharge for the purpose of monitoring flow direction and monitoring groundwater quality in the event of non-compliance with the permit.

(B) For facilities where the point of compliance is at one or more down gradient monitor wells, the department shall establish permit limitations at the monitor well(s) consistent with the class of use of the receiver or any secondarily affected aquifer or surface water. Where necessary to protect existing or future uses, permit limitations may be established at the point of compliance which are more stringent than the class of use standard.

(C) Facilities where subsurface treatment is anticipated may be required to monitor the injected fluid at the point of injection. Permit limits may be established at the point of injection which exceeds the class of use standard for the affected aquifer, provided that a demonstration is made showing that a class of use standards violation will not occur at a point of compliance downgradient from the point of injection. Permit limits of this nature are intended to provide early warning of possible non-compliance at the point of compliance.

(h) Procedures and methods for sample collection and analyses shall be implemented by the permittee to ensure that the samples are representative of the groundwater, water, or wastes being sampled.

(i) Sample collection of groundwater shall be of such frequency and of such variety (season, time, location, depth, etc.) to properly describe the groundwater, and shall be accomplished by the methods and procedures described in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency manual RCRA Groundwater Monitoring Technical Enforcement Guidance Document, September, 1986, unless alternate methods and procedures are approved by the administrator.

(j) Analysis of all samples shall be accomplished pursuant to Chapter 8, Water Quality Rules and Regulations, Sections 7 and 8.

**Section 16. Quality Assurance and Quality Control for Sample Collection and Analysis.**

(a) Procedures and methods for sample collection and analyses shall be implemented by the permittee to ensure that the samples are representative of the groundwater, water, or wastes being sampled.

(b) Sample collection of groundwater shall be of such frequency and of such variety (season, time, location, depth, etc.) to properly describe the groundwater, and shall be accomplished by the methods and procedures described in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency manual RCRA Groundwater Monitoring Technical Enforcement Guidance Document,

2115 September,1986, unless alternate methods and procedures are approved by the administrator.

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2117 (c) Analysis of all samples shall be accomplished pursuant to Chapter 8, Water  
2118 Quality Rules and Regulations, Sections 7 and 8.

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2120 **Section 17. Closure of Hazardous Waste Wells.**

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2122 (a) The operator of a Class I hazardous waste well shall prepare, maintain, and  
2123 comply with a plan for closure of the well and post-closure care of the well that meets the  
2124 standards for well closure required in paragraph (d) of this section and post-closure care  
2125 required in paragraph (e) of this section and is acceptable to the administrator. The obligation to  
2126 implement the closure and post-closure plan survives the termination of a permit or the  
2127 cessation of injection activities. The requirement to maintain and implement an approved plan  
2128 is directly enforceable regardless of whether the requirement is a condition of the permit.

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2130 (i) The operator shall submit the plan as part of the permit application, and,  
2131 upon approval by the administrator, the plan shall be incorporated as a condition of any permit  
2132 issued.

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2134 (ii) The operator shall submit any proposed significant revision to the  
2135 method of closure reflected in the plan for approval by the administrator no later than the date  
2136 on which notice of closure is required under paragraph (b) of this section.

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2138 (iii) The plan shall ensure financial responsibility as required in Section 19 of  
2139 this chapter.

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2141 (iv) The closure plan shall include the following information:

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2143 (A) The type and number of plugs to be used.

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2145 (B) The placement of each plug including the elevation of the top and  
2146 bottom of each plug.

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2148 (C) The type, grade, and quantity of material to be used in plugging.

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2150 (D) The method of placement of the plugs.

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2152 (E) Any proposed test or measure to be made.

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2154 (F) The amount, size, and location (by depth) of casing and any other  
2155 materials to be left in the well;

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2157 (G) The method and location where casing is to be parted, if  
2158 applicable.

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2160 (H) The procedure to be used to meet the requirements of paragraph

2161 (d)(5) of this section;

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2163 (I) The estimated cost of closure.

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2165 (J) Any proposed test or measure to be made.

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2167 (v) Post-closure plans shall include the following information:

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2169 (A) The pressure in the injection zone before injection began.

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2171 (B) The anticipated pressure in the injection zone at the time of

2172 closure.

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2174 (C) The predicted time until pressure in the injection zone decays to

2175 the point that the well's cone of influence no longer intersects the base of the lowermost

2176 Underground Source Drinking Water.

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2178 (D) Predicted position of the waste front at closure.

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2180 (E) The status of any required cleanups; and

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2182 (F) The estimated cost of proposed post-closure care.

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2184 (vi) The administrator may modify a closure plan in accordance with the

2185 procedures outlined in Section 7 of this chapter governing modification of permits.

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2187 (vii) An operator of a Class I hazardous waste injection well who ceases

2188 injection temporarily, may keep the well open provided:

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2190 (A) The operator receives authorization from the administrator.

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2192 (B) The operator has described actions or procedures, satisfactory to

2193 the administrator, that the operator will take to ensure that the well will not endanger Under-

2194 ground Source of Drinking Waters during the period of temporary disuse. These actions and

2195 procedures shall include compliance with the technical requirements applicable to active

2196 injection wells unless waived by the administrator.

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2198 (viii) The operator of a well that has ceased operations for more than two years

2199 shall notify the administrator at least thirty (30) days prior to resuming operation of the well.

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2201 (b) The operator shall notify the administrator at least sixty (60) days prior to

2202 closure of a well. The administrator may allow a closure period of less than sixty (60) days.

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2204 (c) Within sixty (60) days after closure or at the time of the next quarterly report,

2205 whichever is less, except if the next quarterly report is due within fifteen (15) days, in which

2206 case the sixty (60) day requirement will be used, the operator shall submit a closure report to



2207 the administrator.

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2209 (i) Such report shall contain a certification by the operator and the person  
2210 who performed the closure, if different from the operator, of the accuracy of the report, and:

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2212 (A) A statement that the well was closed in accordance with the  
2213 closure plan previously submitted and approved by the administrator.

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2215 (B) Where actual closure differed from the plan previously submitted,  
2216 a written statement specifying the differences between the previous plan and the actual closure.

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2218 (d) Standards for well closure.

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2220 (i) Prior to well closure, the owner or operator shall observe and record the  
2221 pressure decay for a time specified by the administrator, who shall then analyze the pressure  
2222 decay and the transient pressure observations conducted to determine whether the injection  
2223 activity has conformed with predicted values.

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2225 (ii) Prior to well closure, appropriate mechanical integrity testing shall be  
2226 conducted to ensure the integrity of that portion of the long string casing and cement that will  
2227 be left in the ground after closure. Testing methods shall be similar to the mechanical integrity  
2228 tests required during the operating life of the well.

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2230 (iii) Prior to well closure, the well shall be flushed with a buffer fluid.

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2232 (iv) Upon closure, a Class I hazardous waste well shall be plugged with  
2233 cement in a manner that will not allow the movement of fluids into or between any  
2234 underground source of drinking water.

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2236 (v) Placement of the cement plugs shall be accomplished by circulating  
2237 cement to the bottom of the well using a working string. The working string shall be removed  
2238 as the cement is pumped. The cement used shall be of a variety such that the working string  
2239 can be withdrawn while still allowing the well to be filled with cement.

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2241 (vi) Each plug used shall be appropriately tagged and tested for seal and  
2242 stability before closure is completed.

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2244 (vii) The well to be closed shall be in a state of static equilibrium with the  
2245 mud weight equalized top to bottom, either by circulating the mud in the well at least once or  
2246 by a comparable method described by the administrator, prior to the placement of the cement  
2247 plugs.

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2249 (e) Post-closure care.

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2251 (i) The operator shall continue and complete any required cleanup action.

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2253 (ii) The operator shall continue to conduct any groundwater monitoring  
2254 required under the permit until pressure in the injection zone decays to the point that the well's  
2255 cone of influence no longer intersects the base of the lowermost Underground Source of  
2256 Drinking Water. The administrator may extend the period of post-closure monitoring if he or  
2257 she determines that the well may endanger an Underground Source of Drinking Water.  
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2259 (iii) The operator shall submit a survey plat to the local zoning authority  
2260 designated by the administrator, indicating the location of the well relative to permanently  
2261 surveyed benchmarks. A copy of the plat shall be submitted to the Regional administrator of the  
2262 U.S. EPA Region 8, the Wyoming State Engineer's Office, and to the Wyoming Oil and Gas  
2263 Conservation Commission.  
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2265 (iv) The operator shall retain for a minimum of three (3) years following well  
2266 closure, records reflecting the nature, composition and volume of all injected fluids. The  
2267 administrator shall require the operator to deliver the records to the administrator at the  
2268 conclusion of this retention period.  
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2270 (f) Each owner of a Class I hazardous waste well, and the owner of the surface or  
2271 subsurface property on or in which a Class I hazardous waste well is located, must record a  
2272 notation on the deed to the facility property or on some other instrument which is normally  
2273 examined during title search that will in perpetuity provide any potential purchaser of the  
2274 property the following information:  
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2276 (i) The fact that the land in question has been used to manage hazardous  
2277 waste.  
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2279 (ii) The name of the State agency or local authority with which the plat was  
2280 filed, as well as the address of the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 to which it was  
2281 submitted.  
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2283 (iii) The type and volume of waste injected, the injection interval or intervals  
2284 into which it was injected, and the period over which injection occurred.  
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2286 **Section 18. Abandonment of Class V Facilities.**  
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2288 (a) After the effective date of these regulations, Class V facilities may be abandoned  
2289 in place if the following conditions are met and if it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of  
2290 the administrator that:  
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2292 (i) No hazardous waste has ever been discharged through the facility.  
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2294 (ii) No radioactive waste has ever been discharged through the facility.  
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2296 (iii) All piping allowing for the discharge has either been removed or the ends  
2297 of the piping have been plugged in such a way that the plug is permanent and will not allow for  
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(iv) All accumulated sludges are removed from any septic tanks, holding tanks, lift stations, or other waste handling structures prior to abandonment.

(b) Facilities which cannot demonstrate compliance with subsection (a) (i) or (a) (ii) of this section, may be abandoned in place if:

(i) Tests are run on sludges accumulated in the septic tanks, holding tanks, lift stations, or other waste handling structures which shows that none of these materials contain characteristic hazardous waste or radioactive waste.

(ii) Monitoring of the groundwater in the immediate area of the facility shows that there are no toxic materials (substances) present in the groundwater at levels higher than class of use standards, which are present as a result of the injection.

(iii) Some other method is determined to be acceptable to the administrator which demonstrates compliance with Chapter 8 of these regulations and prevents the movement of fluid containing any contaminant into an underground source of drinking water, if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water standard found in 40 CFR 141 (as of June 6, 2001).

(c) Facilities which cannot make the demonstrations required under either subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be excavated to the point where contamination is no longer visible in the soil. At that point, samples shall be taken of the soil for all hazardous constituents which may have been discharged through the system. Materials excavated shall be removed from the site for disposal under approval of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division.

(d) Cathodic protection (5F1) facilities will be considered to have made the demonstrations required under subsections (a) and (b) if no waste has been disposed of into the facility. After they have fulfilled their useful purpose, they shall be abandoned by filling all breather pipes with an impervious material and removing all surface installations down to a depth of three (3) feet. All anodes where the construction included a surface casing shall also have the surface casing cut off three (3) feet below grade and a plug or cap shall be installed on the surface casing. It is not necessary to remove the coke breeze, anodes, and seals during abandonment. The administrator may approve other alternatives for abandonment if they provide adequate environmental protection.

(e) Prior to abandoning any class 5C4 automotive waste disposal facility, the operator shall provide thirty (30) days notice to the administrator.

## **Section 19. Financial responsibility.**

(a) The permittee of any Class I well shall demonstrate and maintain financial responsibility and resources to close, plug, abandon, reclaim, and maintain post-closure care for the underground injection operation in a manner prescribed by the Administrator. The permittee

2345 shall show evidence of such financial responsibility to the Administrator.  
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2347 (b) All Class I hazardous waste and non-hazardous waste underground injection  
 2348 facilities and Class V coalbed methane produced water underground injection facilities that are  
 2349 permitted, are issued a permit renewal, or are issued a permit transfer after July 1, 2018, shall  
 2350 provide financial assurance in accordance with W.S. 35-11-302(a)(viii).  
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2352 (i) Permittees shall provide financial assurance within ninety (90) days of  
 2353 the effective date of the rule or as described below, whichever is later:  
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2355 (A) Thirty (30) days prior to drilling of the permitted well(s) for new  
 2356 facilities; or  
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2358 (B) Prior to authorization of a permit renewal for existing facilities;  
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2361 (C) Prior to authorization of a permit transfer; or  
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2363 (D) The well has been converted in compliance with the requirements  
 2364 of 40 CFR 144.51(n), in effect as of July 1, 2018.  
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2366 (c) At a minimum, the permittee shall prepare a written estimate, in current dollars,  
 2367 of the cost of plugging and abandonment of the well, surface reclamation, post-closure care,  
 2368 removal of infrastructure including but not limited to piping, above and below ground tanks,  
 2369 buildings, impoundments, access roads, fencing, electrical facilities, or any other physical  
 2370 materials used in the operation and maintenance of the injection well.  
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2372 (i) The permittee shall adjust the cost estimate for inflation and increases in  
 2373 costs:  
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2375 (A) For Class I hazardous waste underground injection facilities,  
 2376 within thirty (30) days after each anniversary of the date on which the first cost estimate was  
 2377 prepared.  
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2379 (B) For Class I non-hazardous waste underground injection facilities  
 2380 and Class V coalbed methane produced water underground injection facilities, within sixty (60)  
 2381 days after each anniversary of the date on which the first cost estimate was prepared.  
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2383 (ii) The permittee shall revise the cost estimate whenever a change in the  
 2384 plan increases the cost, and adjust the revised cost estimate for inflation.  
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2386 (iii) For Class I hazardous waste wells, the cost estimate must equal the cost  
 2387 at the point in the facility's operating life when the extent and manner of its operation would be  
 2388 the most expensive.  
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2390 (d) The permittee shall keep the following at the facility during the operating life of

2391 the facility:

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2393 (i) The latest cost estimate and;

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2395 (ii) The latest adjusted cost estimate when the cost estimate in paragraph (i)  
2396 above has been adjusted.

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2398 (e) The amount of the funds available shall be no less than the amount identified as  
2399 the estimated cost.

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2401 (f) The obligation to maintain financial responsibility survives the termination of a  
2402 permit or the cessation of injection. The requirements to maintain financial responsibility are  
2403 enforceable regardless of whether the requirement is a condition of the permit

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2405 (g) The permittee of each facility shall establish financial assurance for each new  
2406 and existing Class I hazardous waste or non-hazardous waste underground injection facility or  
2407 Class V coalbed methane produced water injection facility and shall choose from the qualifying  
2408 instruments below:

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2410 (i) Corporate surety bonds,

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2412 (ii) Federally insured Automatically Renewable Certificates of Deposit

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2415 (iii) U.S. Treasury Bonds, Bills, or Notes,

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2417 (iv) Cash,

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2419 (v) Letters of Credit, or

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2421 (vi) A combination of the above instruments may be submitted.

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2423 (h) Upon completion of any of the activities identified in the cost estimate, the  
2424 amount of the financial surety required may be reduced by the Administrator.

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2426 (i) In addition to the other requirements of this section, the permittee of a Class I  
2427 well injecting hazardous waste shall comply with the financial responsibility requirements of 40  
2428 CFR 144 Subpart F, which are in effect as of July 1, 2018.

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2430 **Section 20. Prohibitions.**

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2432 (a) In addition to the requirements in W.S. 35-11-301 (a), no person shall:

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2434 (i) Conduct any authorized injection activity in a manner that results in a  
2435 violation of any permit condition or representations made in the application, the request for  
2436 coverage under the general permit, individual permit, or permit by rule. A permit condition

2437 supersedes any application content.

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2439 (ii) Construct, install, modify or improve an authorized injection facility  
2440 except in compliance with the permit requirements.

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2442 (b) All Class IV wells are prohibited.

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2444 (c) Requirements for Class I Wells:

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2446 (i) No person shall conduct any authorized injection activity in a manner  
2447 that results in a movement of fluids out of the receiver, including, but not limited to:

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2449 (A) No zone or interval other than that represented as the discharge  
2450 zone in the permit shall be used as a receiver for the discharge.

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2452 (B) No uncased hole may be used as a conduit for the discharge,  
2453 excepting that portion of a hole in the discharge zone.

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2455 (C) No annular space between the wall of the hole and casing in the  
2456 hole may be used as a conduit for the discharge, excepting in that portion of a hole in the  
2457 discharge zone.

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2459 (ii) No solvent wastes which are listed hazardous waste numbers F001,  
2460 F002, F003, F004, or F005 under 40 CFR 261.31 shall be injected underground in any Class I  
2461 well unless those wastes are waste solvent mixtures that do not exceed or are treated to not  
2462 exceed the standards listed in Appendix A.

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2464 (iii) No dioxin containing wastes which are listed hazardous waste number  
2465 F020, F021, F022, F023, F026, F027 or F028 under 40 CFR 261.31 shall be injected  
2466 underground in any well unless those wastes do not exceed, or are treated to not exceed the  
2467 standards listed in Appendix B.

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2469 (iv) Treatment to meet appendix A or B limitations shall be accomplished  
2470 according to a state hazardous waste treatment permit issued by the department. Dilution is  
2471 prohibited as a substitute for treatment of wastes listed in subsections paragraphs (ii) and (iii)  
2472 above.

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2474 (v) No person shall inject any hazardous waste which has been banned from  
2475 land disposal pursuant to 40 CFR 268.41 or department regulations, as applicable, unless:

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2477 (A) The hazardous waste has first been treated to a concentration of  
2478 less than the levels specified in 40 CFR 268.41 or 40 CFR 268 Appendix I, or department  
2479 regulations, as applicable.

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2481 (B) An exemption petition has been submitted and approved by the  
2482 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under 40 CFR 148.20, or department regulations, as

2483 applicable. After approval of such a petition, the operator is required to comply with all  
2484 conditions contained as part of the granting of the petition.

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2486 (d) Requirements for Class V Wells:

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2488 (i) No person shall discharge to any zone except the authorized discharge  
2489 zone as described in the permit.

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2491 (ii) The construction of any Class 5C4 facility after the effective date of  
2492 these regulations is prohibited.

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2494 (iii) No person shall inject any hazardous waste which has been banned from  
2495 land disposal pursuant to Chapter 1, Wyoming Hazardous Waste Rules and Regulations unless  
2496 the disposal conforms to that chapter.

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2498 (iv) No drainage facility, subclass 5D1 through 5D5 shall be constructed so  
2499 as to directly receive any waste other than natural precipitation or natural groundwater unless  
2500 permitted under an individual permit.

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2502 (v) No heating and cooling facility, subclass 5A1 through 5A3, shall be  
2503 constructed so as to receive any waste other than cooling water. No corrosion inhibitors, scale  
2504 inhibitors, biocides, antifreeze agents, salts, or refrigerants shall be added to the water prior to  
2505 injection.

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2507 (vi) No abandoned drinking water well shall be used as a disposal well unless  
2508 it can be demonstrated that the waste being disposed of will leave the class of use of the  
2509 affected groundwater unchanged. The class of use referred to is determined under Water  
2510 Quality Rules and Regulations, Chapter 8 Quality Standards for Wyoming Ground Waters.

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2512 (vii) No wastewater produced by electric power generation from geothermal  
2513 fluids shall be disposed of in any Class V injection facility. Such wells are Class I injection  
2514 wells and are covered by regulations in this chapter.

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2516 (viii) No wastewater produced by recovery of brines and extraction of  
2517 halogens shall be disposed of in any Class V injection facility. Such wells are Class I injection  
2518 wells and are covered by regulations in this chapter.

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2520 (ix) No person shall construct and/or operate any cesspool after April 14,  
2521 1998. No Class V facility which receives domestic sewage shall be constructed and/or operated  
2522 after April 14, 1998 unless the waste is first treated in a septic tank, or other pre-treatment  
2523 device. Prior to closure of any cesspool, the operator shall notify the administrator thirty (30)  
2524 days in advance.

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2526 (x) The operation of any Class V septic system with liquid waste visible on  
2527 the ground surface shall be considered a failure of the system and a violation of these  
2528 regulations.

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2530 (xi) An operator of a facility which is authorized by rule is prohibited from  
2531 injection into the facility:  
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2533 (A) Upon failure to submit inventory information prior to  
2534 construction for facilities constructed after April 14, 1999.  
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2536 (B) Upon failure to comply with a request for information under  
2537 Section 11 (e) of this chapter.  
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2539 (xii) Pumping domestic sewage out of any Class V facility for any use other  
2540 than disposal to an approved facility is prohibited.  
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2542 **Section 21. Public Participation, Public Notice and Public Hearing Requirements.**  
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2544 (a) Public notice is not required for minor modifications or for a permit denial  
2545 where the application is determined incomplete or deficient in accordance with Section 7 unless  
2546 the permittee or applicant requests a hearing before the council pursuant to this section.  
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2548 (b) The administrator shall give public notice for any of the following actions:  
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2550 (i) The administrator has prepared a draft permit which is intended for  
2551 issuance, denial or reissuance.  
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2553 (ii) The administrator intends to modify a permit.  
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2555 (iii) The administrator intends to revoke or terminate a permit.  
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2557 (iv) Any hearing held as a result of a request for hearing on above actions or  
2558 department actions appealable to the council.  
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2560 (c) Public notice is not required for any facility permitted by rule or for any facility  
2561 covered under general permit. The department shall issue one public notice creating the general  
2562 permit and then notice at each subsequent five (5) year review.  
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2564 (d) The administrator shall include a thirty (30) day public comment period for any  
2565 action on items (b)(i), (ii) or (iii) or thirty (30) days notice before any hearing date as part of the  
2566 public notice. When two notices are required, they may be given at the same time.  
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2568 (e) Public notice shall be given by:  
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2570 (i) Mailing a copy of the notice to the following persons:  
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2572 (A) The applicant, by certified or registered mail. For general permits  
2573 this includes all persons registered as operators of facilities which the department believes will  
2574 be covered by the general permit.



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(B) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

(C) Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

(D) Wyoming State Engineer.

(E) State Historical Preservation Officer.

(F) Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation.

(G) Land Quality Division.

(H) Persons on the mailing list developed by including those who request in writing to be on the list and soliciting persons for "area lists" from participants in proceedings in that area.

(I) Any unit of local government having jurisdiction over the area where the facility is proposed to be located.

(ii) Publication of the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the location of the facility or operation.

(iii) At the discretion of the administrator, any other method reasonably expected to give actual notice of the action in question to the persons potentially affected by it, including press releases or any other forum or medium to elicit public participation.

(f) All public notices issued under this chapter shall contain the following minimum information:

(i) Name and address of the department.

(ii) Name and address of permittee or permit applicant, and, if different, of the facility or activity regulated by the permit. For general permits, this includes a list of existing facilities and the location of each facility which will be covered by the general permit. If new facilities may be covered under a general permit as they are constructed, then that fact will also be stated.

(iii) A brief description of the business conducted at the facility or activity described in the permit application or the draft permit. For general permits a generic statement of the type of facility to be covered is all that is required.

(iv) Name, address and telephone number of a person from whom interested persons may obtain further information, including copies of the draft permit, as the case may be, statement of basis or fact sheet, and the application.

2621 (v) A brief description of comment procedures, procedures to request  
2622 a hearing, and other procedures which the public may use to participate in the final permit  
2623 decision.

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2625 (vi) Any additional information considered necessary and proper.  
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2627 (g) In addition to the information required in (f) of this section, any notice for public  
2628 hearing shall contain the following:

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2630 (i) Reference to the date of previous public notices relating to the permit.  
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2632 (ii) Date, time and place of hearing.  
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2634 (iii) A brief description of the nature and purpose of the hearing, including  
2635 applicable rules and procedures.  
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2637 (h) The department shall provide an opportunity for the applicant, permittee, or any  
2638 interested person to submit written comments regarding any aspect of a permit including, but  
2639 not limited to, permit issuance, denial, modification, revocation and reissuance, termination, or  
2640 transfer and/or to request a public hearing.

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2642 (i) All information received on or with the permit application shall be made  
2643 available to the public for inspection and copying except such information as has been  
2644 determined to constitute trade secrets or confidential information pursuant to W.S. 35-11-1101.  
2645 The department shall provide facilities for inspection and copying of all non-confidential  
2646 documents. Copying shall be at the expense of the person requesting copies.  
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2648 (j) During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written  
2649 comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing. Requests for public hearings  
2650 on permit applications or modifications must be made in writing to the administrator and shall  
2651 state the reasons for the request. Requests for public hearings on permit issuance, denial,  
2652 revocation, termination, or any other department action appealable to the Council, shall be  
2653 made in writing to the chairman of the council and the department and state the grounds for the  
2654 request.  
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2656 (i) Requests for public hearings based on contested issues may be filed at  
2657 any stage of the permitting process; and  
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2659 (ii) After notice is given for public comment, requests for public hearings  
2660 must be filed within thirty (30) days after the last publication of the public notice.  
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2662 (k) The administrator shall hold a hearing whenever the administrator finds, on the  
2663 basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a draft permit. The administrator has  
2664 the discretion to hold a hearing whenever such a hearing may clarify issues involved in a permit  
2665 decision.  
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2667 (l) The Council shall hold hearings pursuant to the Wyoming Department of  
2668 Environmental Quality Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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2670 (m) Public hearings will be held in the geographic area wherein the proposed  
2671 discharge is located, or as nearby as reasonable. Public hearings will be held pursuant to the  
2672 Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Rules of Practice and Procedure.

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2674 (n) The public comment period shall automatically extend to the close of any public  
2675 hearing. The administrator may also extend the comment period by so stating at the public  
2676 hearing.

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2678 (o) The director shall render a decision on the draft permit within thirty (30) days  
2679 after the completion of the comment period if no hearing is requested. If a hearing is held, the  
2680 director shall make a decision on any department hearing as soon as practicable after receipt of  
2681 the transcript or after the expiration of the time set to receive written comments.

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2683 (p) At the time a final decision is issued, the department shall respond, in writing, to  
2684 those comments received during the public comment period or comments received during the  
2685 allotted time for a hearing held by the department. This response shall:

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2687 (i) Specify any changes that have been made to the permit.

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2689 (ii) Briefly describe and respond to all comments voicing a legitimate  
2690 regulatory concern that is within the authority of the department to regulate.

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2692 (q) The response to comments shall also be available to the public.

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2694 (r) Requests for a contested case hearing on a permit issuance, denial, revocation,  
2695 termination, or any other final department action appealable to the Council, shall be made in  
2696 writing to the chairman of the Environmental Quality Council and the director and state the  
2697 grounds for the request pursuant to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Rules  
2698 of Practice and Procedure.

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2700 **Section 22. Class I Permits Issued Before the Effective Date of These Regulations.**

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2702 Any Class I well permitted before the effective date of these regulations shall be  
2703 reviewed pursuant to Section 6(h).

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## APPENDIX A

Parameter	Maximum Allowable Concentration
Acetone	.05 mg/L
N-Butyl alcohol	5.00 mg/L
Carbon disulfide	1.05 mg/L
Carbon tetrachloride	.05 mg/L
Chlorobenzene	.05 mg/L
Cresols and cresylic acid	.75 mg/L
Cyclohexanone	.125 mg/L
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	.65 mg/L
Ethyl acetate	.05 mg/L
Ethyl benzene	.05 mg/L
Ethyl ether	.05 mg/L
Isobutanol	5.00 mg/L
Methanol	.25 mg/L
Methylene chloride	.20 mg/L
Methyl ethyl ketone	.05 mg/L
Methyl isobutyl ketone	.05 mg/L
Nitrobenzene	.66 mg/L
Pyridine	.33 mg/L
Tetrachloroethylene	.05 mg/L
Toluene	.33 mg/L
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	.41 mg/L
1,2,2-Trichloro-1,2,2 Trifluoroethane	.96 mg/L
Trichloroethylene	.062 mg/L
Trichlorofluoromethane	.05 mg/L
Xylene	.05 mg/L
Polychlorinated biphenols	500.00 mg/L

**APPENDIX B**

Parameter	Maximum Allowable Concentration
HxCDD-All hexachlorodibenzo-p-dioxins	1 ppb
HxCDF-All hexachlorodibenzofurans	1 ppb
PeCDD- All pentachlorodibenzo-p-dioxins	1 ppb
PeCDF-All pentachlorodibenzofurans	1 ppb
TCDD-All tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxins	1 ppb
TCDF-All tetrachlorodibenzofurans	1 ppb
2,4,5 Trichlorophenol	50 ppb
2,4,6 Trichlorophenol	50 ppb
2,3,4,6 Tetrachlorophenol	100 ppb
Pentachlorophenol	10 ppb

**APPENDIX C  
SUBCLASSES OF CLASS V FACILITIES**

SUBCLASS	DESCRIPTION
<b>HEATING AND COOLING FACILITIES</b>	
5A1	Direct Heat ReInjection Facilities - Reinject geothermal fluids used to provide direct heat for large buildings, developments or aquiculture facilities.
5A2	Heat Pump/Air Conditioner Return Flow Facilities - Reinject groundwater used to heat or cool a building in a ground based heat pump system, or used to inject heat only using a closed loop heat pump system
5A3	Cooling Water Return Flow Facilities - Receive non-contact cooling water from industrial processes, both open and closed loop processes.
<b>BENEFICIAL USE INJECTION FACILITIES</b>	
5B1	Mining, Sand or Backfill Facilities - Used to inject a fluid mixture of sand, cement, fly ash used as a pozzalin, or mill tailings into mined out portions of underground mines.
5B2	Aquifer Recharge Facilities - Receive water specifically for storage of water underground. Must be coupled with the ability to withdraw stored water at a later date for beneficial use. Coal bed methane operators cannot dispose of their produced water in class 5B2 injection wells after the effective date of these rules.
5B3	Saline Water Intrusion Barrier Facilities - Receive fresh water to prevent the continued migration of saline water into a fresh water aquifer. Includes projects installed to control contaminant plumes by injection of clean water.
5B4	Subsidence Control Facilities - Receive fresh water for the purpose of controlling subsidence caused by an overdraft of water, oil or natural gas.
5B5	Facilities which inject fluids and are used to prevent, control or remediate aquifer pollution, which are not owned or controlled by the Department of Environmental Quality. All

SUBCLASS	DESCRIPTION
	5B5 facilities are covered under Article 16 of the Environmental Quality Act
5B6	Department Controlled Facilities - Facilities which inject fluids and are used to prevent, control or remediate pollution, remediate subsiding mine sites, or produce other beneficial results which are owned or controlled by the Department of Environmental Quality. These facilities include but are not limited to, facilities under the supervision of Water Quality Division's Underground Storage Tank Program, facilities under the control and direction of the Abandoned Mined Lands Program, and facilities under the supervision of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division. Control may be exercised through ownership, operation, or by administrative orders, stipulated settlements, consent decrees or other legal methods which result in control of a facility by the department.
5B7	Air sparging facilities - Facilities used to inject only air for the purpose of either encouraging microbial breakdown of hydrocarbons or removing of volatile chemicals by vapor extraction.

<b>COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES</b>
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5C1	Air Scrubber Waste Disposal Facilities - Inject wastes from air scrubbers used to remove sulphur, fly ash, or other contaminants.
5C2	Water Treatment Brine Disposal Facilities - Receive brine from water softening or other water treatment.
5C3	Industrial Process Water and Waste Disposal Facilities - Receive wastes generated by industrial and commercial processes. Examples include but are not limited to wastes from car washing, taxidermy, metal plating, printing, silk screening, refining, slaughter houses, and chemical manufacturing companies.
5C4	Automotive Waste Disposal Facilities - Inject waste from floor drains or sinks where repair work is done on machinery of any description.
5C5	Coal Bed Methane Injection Facilities - Inject groundwater produced in the process of coal bed methane extraction into a

SUBCLASS	DESCRIPTION
5C6	receiving aquifer containing water of the same or lower class of use.  Small Commercial Disposal Systems - Inject wastewater which is of similar quality to domestic sewage which does not technically meet the definition of domestic sewage, in quantities of less than 2,000 gallons per day.

DRAINAGE FACILITIES
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5D1	Agricultural Drainage Facilities - Receive irrigation tailwaters, other field drainage, animal yard, feedlot, or dairy runoff, and other agricultural wastewater.
5D2	Storm Water Drainage Facilities - Receive storm water runoff from paved areas, including parking lots, streets, residential subdivisions, building roofs, highways, etc.
5D3	Improved Sinkholes - Receive storm water runoff from developments located in karst topographic areas.
5D4	Industrial Drainage Facilities - Receive storm runoff from areas susceptible to spills, leaks, and other chemical discharges.
5D5	Special Drainage Facilities - Receive water from sources other than direct precipitation. Examples of this type include landslide control drainage facilities, potable water tank overflow drainage facilities, swimming pool drainage facilities, and lake level control drainage facilities.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES
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5E1	Aquaculture Return Flow Facilities - Receive injectate from aquaculture operations.
5E2	Untreated Domestic sewage Disposal Facilities - Receive untreated domestic sewage from single or multiple sources. Does not include subsurface fluid distribution systems with septic tanks ahead of the subsurface fluid distribution system. Includes all cesspools, regardless of capacity.
5E3	Domestic Subsurface Fluid Distribution Systems - Receive more than



SUBCLASS	DESCRIPTION
	2,000 gallons per day of domestic sewage with only primary treatment such as effluent from a septic tank. In addition, any facility injecting domestic sewage within any five (5) acres of land is a class 5E3 facility whenever multiple 5E facilities under one owner inject a cumulative maximum peak design flow of more than 2,000 gallons per day of domestic sewage.
5E4	Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant Disposal Facilities - Dispose of treated domestic waste after treatment to at least secondary treatment standards.
5E5	Small Domestic Subsurface Fluid Distribution Systems - Receive less than 2,000 gallons per day as an average of a typical week, of domestic sewage with only primary treatment in a septic tank. These systems are designed to accept more than 2,000 gallons per day at a peak and are not small wastewater systems. No class 5E5 system has a required design capacity in excess of 5,000 gallons per day.

<b>MISCELLANEOUS CLASS V FACILITIES</b>
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5F1	Cathodic Protection Facilities -Facilities constructed with coke breeze and dust control oil for use as a permanent anode in a cathodic protection system for a fluid conveyor system or fluid containment system composed of metallic material.
5F2	All other facilities that inject fluids into or above an underground source of drinking water which do not fall into Classes I, II, III, or IV injection facilities.

**APPENDIX D  
TYPES OF PERMITS REQUIRED  
TIMING OF COMPLIANCE**

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PERMIT	WHEN REQUIRED
5A1	Direct Heat Reinjection Facilities	General Permit	2 years after date of general permit
5A2	Heat Pump/Air Conditioner Return Flow Facilities	General Permit	2 years after date of general permit
5A3	Cooling Water Return Flow Facilities	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000
5B1	Mining, Sand or Backfill Facilities	General Permit	2 years after date of general permit
5B2	Aquifer Recharge Facilities	Permit by Rule	register by April 14, 1999
5B3	Saline Water Intrusion Barrier Facilities	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000
5B4	Subsidence Control Facilities	Permit by Rule	register by April 14, 1999
5B5	Facilities used to prevent, control or remediate aquifer pollution, which are not owned or controlled by the Department of Environmental Quality	General Permit	2 years after the date of the general permit
5B6	Department Controlled Facilities	Permit by Rule	Register by April 14 1999
5B7	Air Sparging Facilities	Permit by Rule	Register by April 14 1999
5C1	Air Scrubber Waste Disposal Facilities	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000
5C2	Water Treatment Brine Disposal Facilities	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000
5C3	Industrial Process Water and Waste	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PERMIT	WHEN REQUIRED
5C4	Existing Automotive Waste Disposal Facilities	General Permit	2 years after date of general permit
5C4	New Automotive Waste Disposal Facilities	Ban	April 14, 1998
5C5	Coal Bed Methane Injection Facilities	General Permit	Within 6 months of the date of issue for the general permit for existing facilities, and before injection for all new facilities
5C6	Small Commercial Disposal Systems	General Permit	2 years after the date of the general permit
5D1	Agricultural Drainage Facilities	General Permit	2 years after the date of the general permit
5D2	Storm Water Drainage Facilities	General Permit	2 years after the date of the general permit
5D3	Improved Sinkholes	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000
5D4	Industrial Drainage Facilities	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000
5D5	Special Drainage Facilities	Permit by Rule	Register by April 14, 1999
5E1	Aquaculture Return Flow Facilities	General Permit	2 years after date of general permit
5E2	Existing Untreated Domestic sewage Disposal Facilities (Cesspools)	Ban	April 14, 1998
5E3	Existing Domestic Subsurface Fluid Distribution Systems	General Permit	2 years after date of general permit
5E3	Existing Domestic Subsurface Fluid	Permit by	register by April

TYPE	DESCRIPTION	TYPE OF PERMIT	WHEN REQUIRED
	Distribution Systems - Permitted as a small wastewater facility	Rule	14, 1999
5E4	New Domestic Wastewater Treatment Plant Disposal Facilities	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000
5E5	Small Domestic Subsurface Fluid Distribution Systems	General Permit	2 years after the date of the general permit
5F1	Cathodic Protection Facilities	Permit by Rule	registerby April 14, 1999
5F2	All other facilities that inject fluids into or above an underground source of drinking water which do not fall into Classes I, II, III, or IV injection facilities	Individual Permit	April 14, 2000