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Sent: Fri 5/20/2016 4:04:18 PM
Subject: Re: (UIC) Inquiry from California Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee: follow-up Senator Pavley/Acting Administrator Strauss phone call (UIC)

Brent, the situation Katharine describes is hypothetically possible, although not very likely. Most, if not all, UIC projects involve multiple wells, and typically a combination of EOR and disposal wells. She could reach out to DOGGR for a definitive response (Al Walker or Jerry Salera).
Thanks,
David

Sent from my iPhone

On May 20, 2016, at 7:57 AM, Maier, Brent <Maier.Brent@epa.gov> wrote:

David/Mike –

Please see the inquiry below from Katharine Moore who works for the California Senate Natural Resources Committee and participated in the recent call that Alexis had with State Senator Fran Pavley. Hopefully, the question she is asking is easily answered. If you feel a call is needed with Katharine Moore to discuss, please let me know and I would be happy to set that up.

Looks like both of you may not be in the office, and if that is the case, perhaps Tomas can direct this inquiry to someone else on your staff. I can also send Katharine a note to let her know that both David and Mike are out of the office today, and that we can get her an answer on Monday when you might be available. Thanks.

Brent Maier

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From: Moore, Katharine [mailto:Katharine.Moore@sen.ca.gov]
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Subject: follow-up Senator Pavley/Acting Administrator Strauss phone call (UIC)

Dear Brent,

Thank you again for the phone call on Monday and the US EPA's patience with Senator Pavley's schedule. It is sometimes pretty hectic here, as you might imagine.

A question arose with respect to the UIC program subsequently that I'd appreciate the US EPA's perspective on.

While UIC projects can encompass dozens of injection wells, a UIC project can include only one injection well, right? I am thinking of, for example, a single waste disposal well surrounded by primary production wells, although I suppose a single wildcat cyclic steam injection well could also (at least theoretically) be sufficiently isolated from other injection wells to be its own project.

Yes? No?

Much thanks.

Warm regards,

Katharine

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