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UIC Petition: This week, EPA received a petition from Hathaway LLC, an oil producer in Kern County, CA. The petition requests that the Agency modify the UIC regulations to allow injection well operators to make a demonstration that their proposed injection will not endanger drinking water aquifers, rather than requiring such operators to get an aquifer exemption. The request/petition stems from Hathaway's alleged inability to get the CA DOGGR to act on their application for a UIC permit because of confusion and disarray in the State's aquifer exemption process. The petitioner requested a response within 60 days, however, the petition was made under the APA, which does not impose any hard deadlines on agencies for responding to petitions for rulemakings or issuing a proposed rule. Since the petition seeks a change to national UIC rules, the Region is coordinating with OW and OGC. (Albright 2-3971; Engelman 2-3884)

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