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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: 12/9/2019 8:13:38 PM
To: Robinson, Valois [Robinson.Valois@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Extension of public comment period to December 9, 2019 for EPA UIC permitting actions at proposed Dewey-Burdock site

Thanks, Valois. I'll watch for more information.

This couldn't have happened at a worse time, so I'm sure your day has been chaotic. I hope it settles down soon.

Thanks again for keeping me informed.

Lilias

On Mon, Dec 9, 2019 at 1:01 PM Robinson, Valois <Robinson.Valois@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello again, Dr. Jarding,

I have be given an alternative website to use until the actual docket website is back up. We are also going to extend the public comment period. I will send out an email to everyone on the contact list with the new comment deadline, once I know what that is.

Here is the temporary docket link:

https://beta.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-R08-OW-2019-0512

The first time I used this link, I got a security notice screen but was still able to access the beta website.

I apologize for this giant inconvenience! What a nightmare!

Valois

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Thanks.

On Mon, Dec 9, 2019 at 10:45 AM Robinson, Valois <Robinson.Valois@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dr. Jarding,

Thanks for contacting me! There is something wrong with the website. I reported the issue early this morning, but haven't heard back yet whether to have commenters email me their comments or extend the comment period another day or two. I will get back to you once I know what is going on.

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Hi, Valois --

People have used 3 different browsers to try to get in to submit comments and are getting warning messages and no access.

If you aren't already on this, please let me know how people who had planned to submit electronically can do so.

Thanks --

Lilias Jarding

On Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 3:30 PM Robinson, Valois <Robinson.Valois@epa.gov> wrote:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has extended the time period for requesting public comment to December 9, 2019, on two Underground Injection Control (UIC) Draft Area Permits and one associated proposed aquifer exemption decision for the Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) site located near Edgemont, South Dakota, under the authority of the Safe Drinking Water Act and UIC program regulations. The Dewey-Burdock site is located in southwestern Custer County and northwestern Fall River County, on the Wyoming/South Dakota border. To help those who may wish to comment, we are attaching a table summarizing the substantive changes EPA is proposing to make to the draft permit documents it initially issued for public comment on March 6, 2017. Please feel free to share this table with other interested parties. Public notices are also being published starting this week announcing the extension of the public comment period in local news sources.

Written comments must be submitted online at regulations.gov under docket number **EPA-R08-OW-2019-0512**. Comments may also be sent by mail to Valois Robinson, U.S. EPA Region 8, Mail Code: 8WD-SDU, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129.

The EPA has also scheduled a public hearing on the following date, time and location:

Saturday, October 5, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm at the:

The Mueller Center

801 South 6th Street

Hot Springs, South Dakota 57747

The public may also provide written and/or verbal comments during the public hearing.

The Administrative Record for these UIC Program proposed actions accessible for review from: https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-epa-region-8.

Summary: The EPA Region 8 UIC Program is re-issuing two Draft UIC Area Permits to Powertech (USA) Inc., Suite #140, 5575 DTC Parkway, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111, for injection activities related to uranium recovery. One is a UIC Class III Area Permit for injection wells for the ISR of uranium; the second is a UIC Class V Area Permit for deep injection wells that will be used to dispose of ISR process waste fluids into the Minnelusa Formation after treatment to meet radioactive waste and hazardous waste standards. The EPA is also re-proposing an aquifer exemption approval in connection with the Class III Area Permit to exempt the uranium-bearing portions of the Inyan Kara Group aquifers. The EPA requested public comments on these permit actions in March 2017. After reviewing the comments received and modifying the draft actions, the EPA is requesting additional public input on these actions. At the close of the public comment

period, the EPA will review and consider all comments received during both the 2017 and 2019 public comment periods and during all the public hearings and make decisions on final actions. The EPA will also prepare a written statement addressing all the comments received that are relevant to the UIC Class III and V Draft UIC Area Permits.

Information Available for Review: All information submitted by the applicant and generated by the EPA during permit application review is available for public review as part of the administrative record and is available on the EPA Region 8 UIC Program website: https://www.epa.gov/uic/uic-epa-region-8. Available documents include the permit applications, draft Permits, fact sheet documents and other supporting documents. A paper version of the administrative record is also available for public viewing in the EPA Region 8 Library located on the third floor at 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, excluding federal holidays. All visitors to the Region 8 office must show a picture ID such as a current driver's license. Visitors must also register at the guard desk in the lobby before proceeding to the Library.

In addition to seeking comments on the Class III and V draft area permits, the EPA is seeking public comment on: 1) the identification of traditional cultural properties at the Dewey-Burdock Project Site Area of Potential Effects, on the potential adverse effects of the proposed project, and on measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential adverse effects on historic and traditional cultural properties pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR § 800.2(d) and § 800.6(a)(4); 2) options for approval of the aquifer exemption that Powertech requested related to the Class III permit application which are discussed in the Aquifer Exemption draft Record of Decision; and 3) a revised draft environmental justice analysis for the Dewey-Burdock UIC permitting actions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to send an email to Valois Robinson at robinson.valois@epa.gov. Please note that public comments will only be accepted online or by mail and not at this email address.

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