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Michelle Yalung
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Re: **First Notice** - UIC Permit Application WY21098-07393, Tribal C-13

Dear Mr. Yalung:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Underground Injection Control (UIC) Section received your application to convert the Tribal C-13 from a Class II Enhanced Oil Recovery well to a Class II Salt-water Disposal Well on January 8, 2021. We have reviewed your permit application and determined that it is incomplete, as specified at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) § 124.3(c). The permitting regulations prohibit EPA from processing an application for a UIC permit until it has met all applicable requirements. See 40 CFR § 124.3(a)(2). Specifically, the information described in the enclosed comments is necessary to make your application complete.

Please submit the information requested above by March 5, 2021. If you are unable to provide the information by March 5, 2021, you may withdraw your application until you have all the required information. Once you have all the required information, you may resubmit your full application at any time.

Under EPA regulations, if an applicant fails or refuses to correct deficiencies in the application, the permit may be denied. If, by March 5, 2021, we do not receive the additional information, and if you do not withdraw your application, EPA may deny your permit application. *See* 40 CFR § 124.3(d).

Please note that, to ensure the protection of underground sources of drinking water, the Safe Drinking Water Act Section 1421 prohibits underground injection which is not authorized by rule or a permit issued by EPA or an authorized State. Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300h(b)(1)(A).

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions or comments about the above action, please contact Chris Brown at (303) 312-6669 or Brown.Christopher.T@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

2/4/2021

X Douglas Minter

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Signed by: DOUGLAS MINTER

Douglas Minter, Chief
UIC Section

Enclosure: Permit Application Completeness and Preliminary Technical Review

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