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TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TECHNICAL PEER REVIEW DOCUMENT

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TITLE OR ISSUE

30 TAC §305.72 Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit Modifications at the Request of the Permittee contains the following language: (b), (4), "Change quantities or types of fluids injected which are within the capacity of the facility as permitted and in the judgment of the executive director, would not interfere with the operation of the facility or its ability to meet conditions described in the permit and would not change its classification;"

A guidance document clarifying "types" of fluids injected is the issue.

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ISSUE DESCRIPTION

Seek a clearer definition of "types" of fluids injected.

WHO'S AFFECTED?

All Class 1 UIC well operators.

This Section to be Completed by Peer Review Team

FACTORS CONSIDERED

The intent of the agency in adopting this rule was to allow the minor modification process to be used by owner/operators of Class 1 Injection Wells to affect minor changes in permits. Failure to adopt a policy position on the interpretation of the rule may prevent the Agency from granting a minor modification when one is warranted or it may allow a minor modification without the appropriate level of public notice and participation.

FINDING(S) AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

30 TAC §305.72 (b), (4), is interpreted to mean that "types" of fluids injected must be generated on site, at a captured facility or from other facilities owned or effectively controlled by the same person and be compatible with existing waste streams, the injection zone formation, and materials of construction of the class 1 well. In addition, the "types" of fluids to be added to or deleted from an existing permit shall not change (by definition) the classification of the well (i.e. Class 1,2,3,4, & 5), nor change the type of waste disposal authorization from non-hazardous to hazardous or the character of the operation from non-commercial to commercial. For a change from non-commercial on site to non-commercial off site, the permittee must provide information on the means by which the permittee will convey waste to the off site location. Based on this information the executive director may, in it's discretion, grant the request as a minor modification.

COMMENTS

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