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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Regulatory Agencies Other than EPA which Regulate
Underground Injection. Underground Injection Control
Program Guidance # 43

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TO: Water Supply Branch Chiefs
UIC Sections Chiefs
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BACKGROUND

There are some instances when Federal, State, or County agencies other than EPA (or the State UIC agency) must give approval to an injection operation before injection can commence. An example of this is injection on Federal or Indian lands in a Direct Implementation state. In such a case, authorization must be obtained from the Federal agency that has responsibility for the land surface (i.e., National Park Service, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Corps of Engineers, etc.), and the Bureau of Land Management (which has responsibility for Federal mineral rights), and EPA. In other instances, State agencies or Counties may also require authorization.

GUIDANCE

EPA Regional personnel are instructed to develop and maintain a list of Federal and State agencies that may require notification before an injection operation begins. When a UIC permit applicant requests one of the Regional Offices to review his application, the Regional personnel should, as a courtesy, provide the applicant with this list and inform him of his obligations under any other Federal, State or County regulatory program that may have jurisdiction over the proposed injection operation. It remains, however, solely the applicant's responsibility to be knowledgeable of the need for and to obtain all the required authorizations. State agencies with UIC primacy should also, as a courtesy, inform permit applicants of any other regulatory programs with jurisdiction. This would include Federal agencies when injection takes place on Federal or Indian lands.