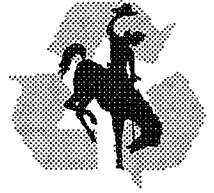




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### INSTRUCTION MEMORANDUM

TO: CBM Operators

FROM: Gary Beach, WQD Administrator

DATE: March 8, 2002

SUBJECT: Injection wells completed within CBM Ponds

We have received information that some operations are boring wells into the floor of reservoirs or containment ponds that receive CBM discharge water with the intent of injecting the fluids in the reservoir or pond into subsurface aquifers. Please be aware that our Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) regulations require UIC authorization for the injection of groundwater produced in the process of CBM extraction through wells or drywells. If you intend to complete wells (see definition in Chapter 16 of our Rules) to inject CBM produced water into subsurface receivers, you should first obtain authorization for these facilities. This does not apply to exploratory drilling or trenching activities that are conducted for siting and design prior to discharges to the reservoir or containment pond.

Please understand that if these activities are conducted, we want to assure they are being done in a manner that will not degrade the receiving aquifer(s). That is the purpose of the UIC permitting.

Your contact for questions or permitting is Bob Lucht at 307-777-7095.

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