

PUBLIC NOTICE

INTENT TO ISSUE AN UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT TO

Colorado Division of Wildlife Foothills Wildlife Health Laboratory

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on the proposal by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 office to issue a permit to the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) to dispose of sanitary waste and laboratory fluid waste from the Foothills Wildlife Health Laboratory, into a septic tank/leachfield (septic system). The facility is located about 3 miles west of Fort Collins, Colorado at 4330 La Porte Avenue.

BACKGROUND

EPA is currently reviewing an application for an Underground Injection Control Permit from the CDOW Foothills Wildlife Laboratory, for injection of laboratory waste water and sanitary waste into a septic system constructed east of the laboratory buildings at the above-mentioned address. The permit requires laboratory personnel to follow Best Management Practices designed to prevent untreated pathogens and infectious agents and waste constituents above drinking water standards and from entering the septic system. The CDOW will be required to analyze the waste stream every three months to ensure the fluid discharge meets drinking water standards.

EPA has made a preliminary determination to approve the permit and is hereby serving notice of intent to issue a permit for the proposed underground injection activities to CDOW Foothills Wildlife Laboratory.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All data submitted by the applicant, the draft permit prepared by EPA, and supplemental materials considered for establishing the proposed permit conditions are contained in the administrative record for CDOW Foothills Wildlife Health Laboratory. This information will be available for public inspection in Fort Collins at the following locations: The Fort Collins Public Library located 201 Peterson St. and the Larimer County Health Department located at 1525 Blue Spruce Drive. The information is also available at the Region 8 Underground Injection Control Website: <http://www.epa.gov/region08/water/uic/index.html>.

Public comments are encouraged and will be accepted, in writing or by email, at the EPA Region 8 Office for a period of thirty (30) days after publication of this notice. Interested parties may request EPA to conduct a public hearing for this permit action. A request for a public hearing should be made in writing and should state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the hearing. A public hearing will be held only if significant interest is shown. For additional information, or to submit comments, please contact Valois Shea at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8, 8P-W-GW, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80202 or by calling 303-312-6276 or 1-800-227-8917, ext 6276, or by email at shea.valois@epa.gov.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND APPEAL PROCESS

After the close of the public comment period, EPA will make a final permit decision and will notify all commenters regarding this decision. The final decision may be to issue the permit as proposed, issue it with modifications, or deny it. If issued, the final permit will become effective thirty (30) days after the final



decision is issued, unless no commenters requested a change in the draft permit, in which case the permit will become effective immediately upon issuance.

Within thirty (30) days after being notified of EPA's permit decision, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in a public hearing may petition the Administrator to review the permit decision. Commenters are referred to 40 CFR §124.15 through §124.20 for procedural requirements of the appeal process.

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