

Transfer of Ownership Requirements

New owners of injection wells under the authority of the Federal Underground Injection Control program (authorized by permit or by rule) must submit the following documents in order to complete a transfer of permit or rule-authorization.

1) EPA form 7520-7, Application to Transfer Permit, (http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/7520-7_508c.pdf) completed and signed by the new owner.

2) EPA form 7520-14, the Plugging and Abandonment Plan (http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/7520-14_508c.pdf), and the accompanying schematic diagram (<http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/r5-wellbore-schematic.xls>) (Microsoft Excel file, 1 p, 15K) completed and signed by the new owner/operator. This Plugging and Abandonment Plan must meet the minimum Federal requirements.

3) Evidence to verify that the financial resources necessary to close, plug and abandon the injection well are available. If a State mechanism is used, a copy of the State mechanism (e.g., bond, certificate of deposit or letter of credit) must be submitted along with the Letter Requesting Use of Michigan State Bond (<http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/forms/2009ltrstbnd.pdf>) of this mechanism to satisfy Federal Financial Assurance Requirements. If the State mechanism is a blanket bond, then form VII-10 (<http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/forms/vii-10.pdf>) must also be submitted along with a list of all wells (production wells and injection wells) covered by the bond and a plugging cost estimate by an independent source for each well (what it would cost a third party to plug the well, not what it would cost the owner/operator to plug the well).

Note: Please refer to the "Sample UIC Financial Forms" section of the Region 5 UIC web page at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/techdocs.htm#financial>.

4) A copy of the Transfer of Ownership papers filed with the State. In those situations in which the State does not issue a permit for the well, a copy of the written agreement between the existing permittee and the new owner which shows:

- (a) the specific date for the transfer of ownership;
- (b) identification of the UIC permit and/or well to be transferred; and
- (c) the signatures of both parties involved in the transfer of ownership.

Please submit the completed information to:
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 (WU-16J)
Underground Injection Control Branch (Attn: Lisa Perenchio)
77 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

Updated 10/23/2015