

**EPA State and Tribal Underground Injection Control (UIC) Geologic Sequestration (GS)  
Rule Implementation Workshops**

January and February, 2011

Denver, Colorado; Chicago, Illinois; Austin, Texas; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Atlanta, Georgia; and Kansas City, Missouri

The USEPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water conducted a series of six workshops around the United States during January and February 2011 after the final UIC Class VI GS regulations were published in the Federal Register on December 10, 2010. Interested State, Territorial and Tribal UIC Program Directors were in attendance at the 1.5 day workshops focused on the elements of the new GS regulations and on applying to EPA for UIC Class VI Program primacy. Key topics of discussion included the new UIC Class VI requirements for site characterization, area of review delineation using computational modeling, well construction and operation, testing and monitoring, financial responsibility, reporting and recordkeeping, maintaining mechanical integrity, post-injection site care (PISC) and site closure, project plan development, and more – as well as discussions on program implementation considerations including environmental justice analysis, public participation in permitting, interstate communication and coordination, re-permitting existing wells as Class VI, and on applying to EPA for primacy for the Class VI Program.

These workshops were intended to introduce the new requirements to interested State, Territorial and Tribal UIC Program Directors, and to begin the dialogue necessary for expeditious approval of state Class VI primacy applications. The workshop format was designed to provide opportunities for asking questions, sharing experiences, and offering comments for all participants following EPA presentations. Feedback shared by participants highlighted the helpful nature of the discussions and the materials provided for states to begin developing primacy applications and comparable state regulations. The UIC GS Rule Implementation workshop materials are also provided here for the public.