

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND
THE WEST VIRGINIA GEOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC SURVEY**

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is established and entered into by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Water and Waste Management (DWWM) and the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey (WVGES). This MOA is effective as of 04/01/2024

PARTIES

DWWM is the West Virginia Agency with the duty and authority to administer West Virginia Chapter 22 Article 11, 11A, 11B and 12 statutes and rules related to Class 1, 4, Non-Mining Class 5 and Class 6 Underground Injection Control (UIC) operations. WVGES is the West Virginia Agency that has expertise to provide information to DWWM on local geologic characteristics in relation to proposed underground injection operations.

PURPOSE

This MOA establishes a coordinated relationship between DWWM and WVGES to properly assess geological characteristics in a proposed work area to support permit determinations.

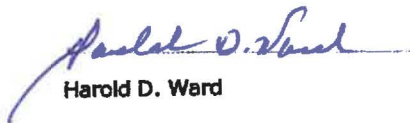
This MOA serves the mutual interests of DWWM and the WVGES by establishing a thorough review of proposed UIC operations to protect the health and safety of the citizens and the natural resources of West Virginia.

AGREEMENT

As part of the review of new UIC permit applications, DWWM and WVGES shall administer practices in the following manner.

1. DWWM will, upon receipt, provide access to its permitting system for administratively complete UIC permit applications or UIC permit renewals to the WVGES.
2. DWWM will provide a time frame to the agency to provide any comment on the application.
3. Upon receipt of comments provided by the WVGES regarding the proposed activity, DWWM will review each comment thoroughly, further communicate with WVGES if necessary, and ultimately utilize this information to make proper permit determinations.

This MOA may be terminated by DWWM or WVGES on six months' written notice. Notice of Termination and all other communications about this MOA shall be addressed as follows:


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4-29-2024
Date

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Date

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This MOA constitutes of the sole and entire agreement of the DWWM and WVGES with respect to subject matter of MOA, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings and agreements, both written and oral, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

By mutual consent, both parties agree that this MOA is effective on the date specified on the face of this document and that the signatories below have authority to enter into this MOA.

This MOA may be executed in counterparts, both of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original, but both such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Delivery of any executed counterpart of a signature page of this MOA by facsimile or other electronic transmission shall be effective as a delivery of manually executed counterpart of this MOA.