

Guidance for Cancellation of Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permits

Cancellation of an UIC permit shall occur upon written request by the permittee providing documentation and certification that the injection discharge will not occur in the future without reapplying for a permit. Cancellation may also occur upon determination by the UIC Program that the permitted activity endangers human health or the environment and can only be regulated by revocation

Written requests must satisfy the following criteria:

1. **Must** be signed by the named permittee or a duly authorized agent of the permittee;
2. **Must** identify the reason why the permit is no longer needed and what will happen to the injectate fluids in the future;
3. **Must** state that the injection well(s) has/have been properly plugged and abandoned pursuant to all local, state and federal regulations and provide copies of the Well Driller's Report(s) for plugging, or a statement and proper documentation must be provided explaining why the wells will not be plugged and the intended use of the wells. If not already on file with the UIC Program, all affidavits and/or bonding documentation must also be provided at this time;
4. **Must** state the Permittee is in compliance with all regulatory and permit conditions, including monitoring reports and fees; and
5. For all remediation projects, **must** include written verification/concurrence from the Bureau of Corrective Actions or other authorized agencies stating injection activities will not be necessary for remediation purposes in the future.

Upon receipt of a request to cancel a permit, the BWPC shall determine whether there is a need to continue monitoring and reporting pursuant to the permit conditions at any given site. This is often the case with remediation projects where such permit conditions must remain in force for a minimum of one year following authorization to discontinue actual cleanup activities. If continued monitoring, reporting and inspections are not necessary, and the permittee is no longer discharging, the permit may be cancelled.

The following actions shall be taken to cancel a permit:

1. If the UIC Program determines that it would be in the best interest of the State to notify interested parties regarding the cancellation of the permit, the Program may issue a public notice to inform these interested parties. Cancellation would occur at the end of the 30-day public notice period;
2. Send a letter to the Permittee stating conditions of the permit appear to be met at that time, the permit is cancelled, future injection will require application for a new permit, and wells not plugged at this time will be under the jurisdiction of another regulatory agency. Copies shall be sent to the Bureau of Corrective Actions, and/or other regulatory agencies as necessary;
3. Write, "CANCELLED" on the face sheet of the permit, and initial and date. If the cancellation was requested, reference Permittee's letter and the date it was written; and
4. Notify the Compliance Coordinator in writing that the permit has been cancelled.

Expired Permits

If the permittee does not wish to renew their permit and will allow the permit to expire on the date of expiration, the UIC Program is tasked with the following actions through written correspondence and/or site inspection:

1. Ensure the injection is not and will not occur in the future; and
2. The injection well is properly plugged or converted to another well type.

Once a permit has expired or has been cancelled, reactivation of a permit is prohibited without reapplication and review in accordance with NRS 445A and NAC 445A.