

**Excerpt from
The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976**

Sec. 3020 [42 USC 6939b] Interim Control of Hazardous Waste Injection

[Former §7010 added by PL 98-616; redesignated as §3020 by PL 99-339]

"(a) Underground Source of Drinking Water. — No hazardous waste may be disposed of by underground injection—

"(1) into a formation which contains (within one-quarter mile of the well used for such underground injection) an underground source of drinking water; or

"(2) above such a formation.

"The prohibitions established under this section shall take effect 6 months after the enactment of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 except in the case of any State in which identical or more stringent prohibitions are in effect before such date under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

"(b) Actions Under CERCLA. — Subsection (a) shall not apply to the injection of contaminated ground water into the aquifer from which it was withdrawn, if—

"(1) such injection is—

"(A) a response action taken under section 104 or 106 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, or

"(B) part of corrective action required under this title intended to clean up such contamination;

"(2) such contaminated ground water is treated to substantially reduce hazardous constituents prior to such injection; and

"(3) such response action or corrective action will, upon completion, be sufficient to protect human health and the environment.