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### Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Wells (MVWDWs) are Banned!

#### WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS REMINDER NOTICE?

In 1999, the US EPA banned the new construction of motor vehicle waste disposal wells. Despite this ban, the Utah Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program and Local Health Departments continue to see new facility constructions that include installations of these banned disposal wells. Therefore, this reminder notice is being sent to architects, engineers, building permit officials, building inspectors, and any other person who may be responsible for designing and approving building plans that may include these banned injection wells. ***Please DO NOT design, construct, approve, or otherwise allow these banned injection wells to be included in any new constructions with which you are associated.*** Let's all work together in avoiding the needless expense of closing these wells in new constructions.

#### WHAT ARE MVWDWS?

Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Wells are a subclass of Class V injection wells that are subject to receiving waste fluids generated from the maintenance and / or servicing of motor vehicles and similar machinery, either directly from the vehicles or machinery being serviced (such as fuel, motor oil, antifreeze, transmission and brake fluid, grease and other lubricants, etc.) or indirectly from fluids associated with the servicing of these vehicles or machinery (such as hydraulic fluid from hydraulic lifts, solvents for parts cleaning, service area wash down water, paint and associated fluids from body shops, etc.).

Remember that injection wells are not classified based on their construction type but rather by the nature of the fluids they receive. For example, a dry well that was originally installed to manage storm water only but now receives waste fluids from the maintenance of motor vehicles or machinery would be reclassified as a banned MVWDW. Similarly, a septic system that receives domestic waste water from a facility but also receives discharge from a floor drain located in a motor vehicle service area would be reclassified as a MVWDW

#### ARE EXISTING MVWDWS GRANDFATHERED?

**NO.** The Utah UIC Program and local officials are busy identifying and closing existing MVWDWs throughout the state in accordance with the requirements of the 1999 ban.

#### WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT MVWDWS?

December 7, 1999 Federal Register in which the MVWDW ban was published is available [here](#).

MVWDWs Fact Sheet with links to EPA is available [here](#).

**Small Entity Compliance Guide – How the New Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Well Rule Affects Your Business.** This guide outlines the minimum Federal requirements for MVWDWs and is available [here](#).

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