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The Ground Water Protection Council Newsletter

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2010 UIC Conference



The 2010 UIC Conference will be held January 25-27 at the Intercontinental Hotel in Austin Texas. For further details go to our [website](#).



Joint GWPC/ NGWA Meeting

The Ground Water Protection Council will hold its 2010 Spring Meeting at the National Ground Water Association Annual Summit in Denver, CO from April 11-15, 2010. To see more information about this meeting click [HERE](#).

GWPC Wants a Piece of You: Discussion Briefs

Before all events, the GWPC solicits discussion briefs to collect additional topics for discussion from participants. Inability to attend a conference does not limit any state, agency, program, or individual from participating in discussions

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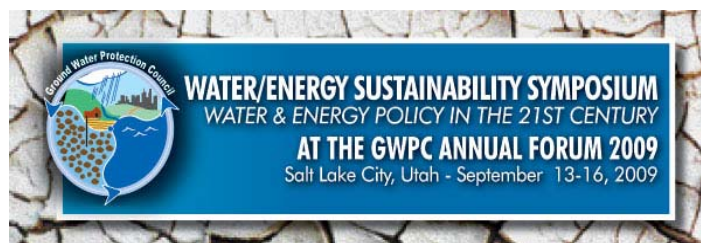
Welcome to the the Ground Water Communique! This issue highlights an EPA Federal Register Notice concerning SPCC rules, an EPA proposal to designate a new sole source aquifer in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, an announcement concerning meeting proceedings from the 2009 GWPC Water/ Energy Symposium at the Annual Forum and more.

We welcome your feedback & suggestions. Please send comments to Mike Nickolaus at mnickolaus@gwpc.org.

EPA Publishes changes to the SPCC Rule

On December 5, 2008, EPA amended the Spill Prevention Control, and Countermeasures (SPCC) rule to provide increased clarity with respect to specific regulatory requirements, to tailor requirements to particular industry sectors, and to streamline certain rule requirements. The Agency subsequently delayed the effective date of these amendments to January 14, 2010, to allow the Agency time to review the amendments to ensure that they properly reflect consideration of all relevant facts. EPA also requested public comment on the delay of the effective date and its duration, and on the December 2008 amendments. Having reviewed the record for the amendments and the additional comments, EPA has decided to make only limited changes to the amendments. With respect to the majority of the December amendments, EPA is either taking no action or providing minor technical corrections. EPA is, however, removing the following provisions in the December 2008 amendments: the exclusion of farms and oil production facilities from the loading/unloading rack requirements; the exemption for produced water containers at an oil production facility; and the alternative qualified facility eligibility criteria for an oil production facility.

You can view the Federal Register Notice [HERE](#)



2009 Water/ Energy Symposium

of national importance. Any interested individual may offer ideas, concerns, or suggest potential projects to the GWPC Board of Directors, Divisions, or any open discussion-based forum at GWPC events. Download the [discussion brief form](#). here (Scroll to the bottom of the page). Send completed discussion briefs to [Ben Grunewald](#).



Join Our Mailing List!

All of us at the GWPC appreciate your participation very much. Please contact any of our staff if we can be of assistance. Thank you for your interest in the Ground Water Protection Council and our mission!

Proceedings On-Line

Proceedings from the 2009 Water/ Energy Symposium held at the GWPC Annual Forum in Salt Lake City in September, 2009 are now available on-line. To view presentations from the meeting click [HERE](#) and select 2009 under the Annual Forum.

EPA Watershed Academy Posts New On-line Module

A new on-line moduel entitled "The Affect of Climate Change on Water Resources and Programs" has been published by the EPA Watershed Academy. To view this module click [HERE](#).

[Ground Water Report to the Nation:A Call to Action](#)



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