Resolution Regarding the New Class V Rule

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Where as, the USEPA finalized Federal minimum rule revisions to the Underground Injection Control Regulations for Class V Wells (64 FR 68545-68575) December 7, 1999, and

Where as, the new rule calls for revisions to State Class V regulations to maintain minimum requirements under the revised rule, and

Where as, such changes are considered “significant rule changes,” thus requiring a revision of the State primacy programs, and

Where as, the effective date of the new rule is April 5, 2000 and under the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, significant rule changes require a revision to the State primacy program within 270 days, and

Where as, the timing of these rule changes may be limited to the timing of the State legislative sessions and other multiple State-specific procedures to modify State regulations, and

Where as, these State-specific requirements for regulation modifications take significant amounts of limited State program resources, and

Where as, the implementation of the revised rule will require additional resources, and

Where as, no additional resources are being directed to States for adoption and implementation of rule revisions, and

Where as, the GWPC is an association of State regulators of Class V UIC programs, now

Therefore Be it Resolved, that the GWPC encourages the EPA’s Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water to seek an extension of the time required for modification to the State primacy packages, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the GWPC supports efforts to secure new funding directed to State’s for the purpose of adoption and implementation of the rule.