“GWPC: In The Rear-View Mirror”

Dave Bolin, Resident Ol’ Geezer
Background

- 1974: Safe Drinking Water Act
- 1980: Waxman Amendment – SDWA Section 1425 (regulatory flexibility)
“In the beginning, the Congress said, ‘Let there be a program to protect the waters from injection’. And lo. The Pharaoh EPA did propose regulations and there was chaos upon the earth.
The good children from the country of oil and gas were sore afraid of the regulations of the Pharaoh. Having labored as they had in the states, they were used to making bricks without straw,
but could not comprehend regulatory injection by worshiping at the holy mountain of papyrus and the collecting of great oaths.
And the people groaned and labored, and great was their suffering until Moses Section 1425 did lead them to the Promised Land.” (Dick Stamets, 1985)
The Beginning

- 1983: Training Seminar for UIC Regulation & Technology – Mobile, AL (Jul.)
- 1983: Training Seminar for UIC Regulation & Technology – South Shore CA (Sept.)
The Beginning (cont.)

- 1984: Organizational Meeting – St. Louis, MO (Feb.)
- 1984: Executive Director Hired (Mar.)
- 1984: First Board of Directors Meeting – Norman, OK (Aug.)
- 1985: First Formal UIPC Meeting – New Orleans, LA (Feb.)
Primary Purposes

- Provide for early involvement with EPA in current issues and regulatory development
- Provide a national forum for discussion of current issues, ideas, and technical matters
The Baseline (1984 – 1990)

1984: Organizational Structure

- Mechanical Integrity Committee
- Industry Committee
- Research Committee
- Education & Training Committee
- State & Federal Affairs Committee
The Baseline (1984 – 1990) (cont.)

- 1988: Organizational Structure
  - Class I, II, III, & V Divisions
  - Education & Training Committee
  - State & Federal Affairs Committee
- 1988: UIPC Research Foundation
- 1990: Database Management Initiative

- 1991: Growing Acceptance As Authority In Ground Water Protection Arena
- 1992: Name Change – Ground Water Protection Council
- 1993: Website Launched
- 1995: First Annual UI C Conference
The Blooming Years (1996 – Present)

- 2005: Editorial Board Established
- 2007: *Ground Water Report to the Nation: A Call to Action*
- 2007: Research Foundation Restructuring – GWREF (Sept.)
The Blooming Years (1996 – Present) (cont.)

2008: Reorganization – Divisions (Jul.)

- Water/Energy
- Water Availability and Sustainability
- Water Quality
- Committees
  - National Ground Water Strategy Committee
  - RBDMS Steering Committee
  - RBDMS Technical Advisory Group
  - CO$_2$ Geosequestration Committee
GWPC: A National Recognized Association of State Ground Water and Underground Injection Control Agencies

Mission: To Promote the Protection and Conservation of Ground Water Resources for all Beneficial Uses, Recognizing Ground Water as a Critical Component of the Ecosystem
GWPC Chartered - UIC Focus  
1983

Class I Land Ban and FACA  
1986

UIC Technical Workgroup & RBDMS  
1989/1990

WHP Guidelines & Implementation  
1990

SWP Advocacy  
1999

Class V Rule  
1999

Over the Past

Present
Over the Past

2000 Measures and EPA Strategic Plan

2003 Energy Bill UIC Issue

2007 Ground Water Report to the Nation

2008 Congressional Caucus Briefing

Present

Ground Water Protection Council

A Look Back
Into the Future

Present

Water/ Energy Issues

Water Sustainability Issues

Water Quality Issues

Ground Water Protection Advocacy

Future