



RESOLUTION 10-2  
REGARDING THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING  
FOR THE PROPOSED CLASS VI UIC PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has determined the geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide is an activity that falls within the jurisdiction of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), Underground Injection Control (UIC) program; and

WHEREAS, the USEPA has developed a proposed federal rule under the UIC program to regulate geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of protecting ground water resources that the geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide be regulated at the state level; and

WHEREAS, the current level of funding for the entire UIC program is about \$10.5 million annually; and

WHEREAS, current funding for the UIC program is dedicated to the implementation of all existing classes of UIC wells; and

WHEREAS, implementation of UIC regulations for the geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide will require a substantial increase in program development and implementation costs to state UIC programs; and

WHEREAS, federal funding of state-delegated UIC programs is critical to the continued viability of such programs; and

WHEREAS, the GWPC is an association of state administrators of underground injection control and ground water protection programs that will be responsible for administering programs for the geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the GWPC recommends that the USEPA:

1. undertake a comprehensive study to evaluate the true cost of implementing a UIC program for CO<sub>2</sub> geologic sequestration; and
2. seek funding from the U.S Congress for the Class VI program at a level commensurate with the findings of the study; and
3. segregate funding for CO<sub>2</sub> geologic sequestration from other UIC activities.

Sept 26, 2010  
Passed by the Board

Attest Michel J. Paque

Michel J. Paque, Secretary