

# EPA Seeks Public Comments on Draft Injection Well Permit

**West Bay Exploration Company**

Jackson County, Michigan

October 2014

## Comment period and public hearing scheduled

The EPA is seeking comments on the West Bay #22 Well draft permit. EPA will review all comments received during the comment period and at the public hearing, and will address significant comments.

The comment period closes  
Monday, November 24

A formal public hearing has been scheduled:

Thursday, November 20

7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Columbia Elementary School  
320 School Street  
Brooklyn, Michigan

## How to comment

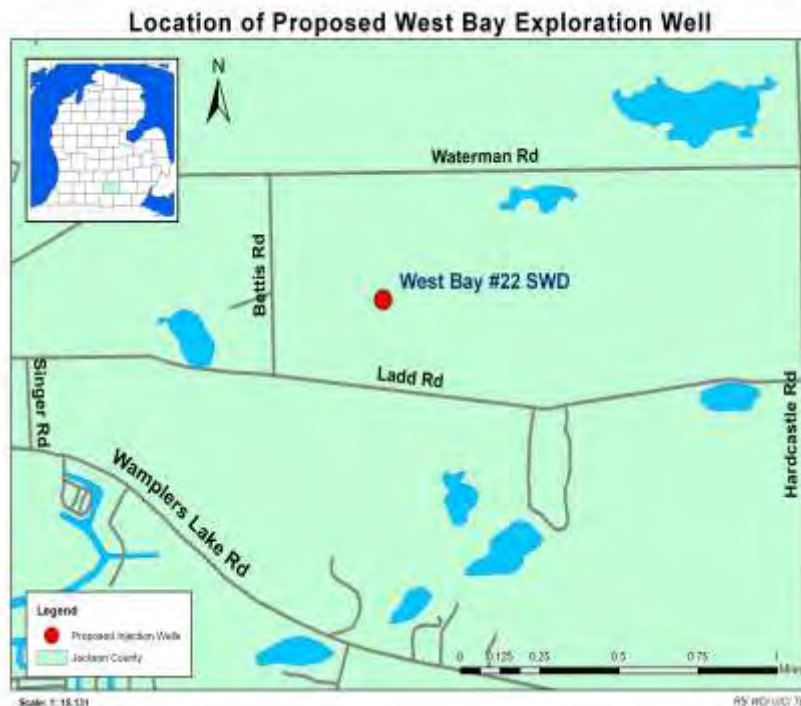
Comments can be submitted by mail, email, or in person at the public hearing.

Send written comments to:

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## Right to appeal

You have the right to appeal any final permit decision if you make an official comment during the comment period or participate in the public hearing. The first appeal must be made to the Environmental Appeals Board.



*This map shows the location of the proposed West Bay #22 underground injection well.*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is seeking comments from the public on a permit request by the West Bay Exploration Co. The company wants to dispose of brine deep beneath the earth's surface in a proposed new injection well. EPA calls this a Class II non-hazardous brine disposal well.

Class II wells are typically used to inject fluids that result from oil and gas production into the ground. There are about 144,000 Class II wells in the United States. About 20 percent are known to be used for brine disposal.

EPA reviewed the West Bay #22 permit application and found there should be no significant environmental impact from the proposed well. EPA will begin a new comment period and hold a public hearing. Before making a final decision on granting the permit, EPA will review all comments received and address all significant comments.

The Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes EPA to regulate the underground injection of fluids through wells to protect underground sources of drinking water.

For more information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions for this permit, please check EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/uicpub.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/uicpub.htm).

### **More information available**

You may view the draft permit and fact sheet at:  
Jackson District Library  
244 W. Michigan  
Jackson, Mich.

You may also view related documents at the EPA's Chicago office. Please contact:

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Or visit [www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/uicpub.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/uic/uicpub.htm).

For further questions, call toll-free, 800-621-8431, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central.