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EPA backs Texas bid to regulate Class VI carbon injection wells

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Texas' multi-year effort to receive primacy over Class VI underground injection wells is nearing its conclusion. ✕

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The Environmental Protection Agency this week announced its proposed approval of the state's request to administer permitting under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) for Class VI underground injection wells in the state. Texas already has primacy to administer underground injection control programs for Class I-V wells. Class VI primacy would let the state — through the Railroad Commission — oversee injection of carbon dioxide for sequestration.

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“I applaud the EPA’s proposed approval of Texas’ application to permit Class VI injection wells. This announcement underscores a greatly improved relationship between the Railroad Commission and our partners at the federal level. Working together, we will continue to strengthen our efforts to regulate responsibly while ensuring Texas remains a global leader in energy and economic growth,” Railroad Commissioner Chair Christi Craddick told the Reporter-Telegram.

Scott Castleman, spokesman for the Houston CCS Alliance, called the move an important step forward for the state’s economic competitiveness and global leadership in carbon capture and storage.

“Granting our state Class VI well primacy will accelerate investment, create high-paying jobs and strengthen energy security, while ensuring strong environmental protections through local oversight. The Railroad Commission has the resources and expertise to safely and effectively administer our state’s carbon management program in accordance with federal regulations,” he told the Reporter-Telegram.



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The announcement reflects years of hard work and collaboration by elected leaders, industry and community stakeholders who have expressed their clear support for Texas leading in this safe and proven technology, he added.

“In the Safe Drinking Water Act, Congress laid out a clear vision for delegating decision-making from EPA to states that have local expertise and understand their water resources, geology, communities, and opportunities for economic growth,” said EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin in a statement.

EPA Region 6 Administrator Scott Mason said in a statement: “The state of Texas has effectively and reliably administered programs for underground injection wells while protecting drinking water sources for decades. I am confident their success will continue with Class VI wells. The primacy application review is technical and thorough, and I appreciate the cooperation of the Texas Railroad Commission throughout this process.”



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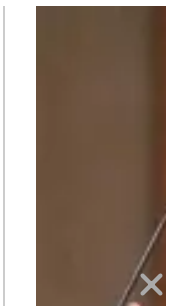
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