

Library Presentation on Regulations

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- ▶ Pick a topic of interest within the environment or natural resources arena.
- ▶ Identify a regulation within that subject area.
- ▶ Summarize the history of the regulation. Why did it come into existence?
- ▶ What is the current state of the regulation? What feedback has there been on its potential or real impact?
- ▶ How would the regulation impact the system model you have identified? What changes would need to be made, etc.?

The Rulemaking Process

- ▶ A proposed bill is passed by the Senate **AND** the House of Representatives.
- ▶ Goes to the President to sign. If s/he does sign, it becomes law (known as an Act).
- ▶ The House of Representatives then standardizes the language and it becomes part of the U.S. Code.
- ▶ **ALTERNATE ROUTE:** President issues an Executive Order! Rest of process is the same.
- ▶ There are A LOT of details that need to be worked out in terms of how the law will be applied (what is legal and what is not, definitions).
- ▶ So the Act is sent to one or more federal agencies to decide how it will be implemented.
- ▶ **Examples of federal administrative agencies:**
Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Department of Interior (DOI)

More steps in rulemaking...

- ▶ The agency does research to decide if a regulation is needed.
- ▶ If it is, the agency develops a **Proposed Rule**. The proposed rule is posted in the *Federal Register* and made available for public comment.
- ▶ Comments often result in the proposal being modified or discarded.
- ▶ After the proposed rule is modified, it becomes a **Final Rule**.
Added to the *Federal Register* and the *Code of Federal Regulations*.
It is **Final Law**.
But regulations DO get revised!
- ▶ For further explanation see:
https://www.federalregister.gov/uploads/2011/01/the_rulemaking_process.pdf

1 Pre Rule Stage

Origins of a rule

An agency cannot issue a Rule unless granted authority to do so by law.

Alternative actions

Before the rulemaking process, an agency evaluates possible alternative solutions to a rulemaking and determines whether the benefits of the regulation justify the costs. Agencies will typically submit an "Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" to the Federal Register for the public to view at <http://www.federalregister.gov>. This notice allows the public the opportunity to comment on whether or not a rulemaking should be initiated.

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2 Proposed Rule Stage

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

After an agency researches the issues and determines whether a new Rule is necessary, it often proposes a regulation, also known as a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). Typically these proposals are published in the Federal Register (FR) and made publicly available in print and on-line at <http://www.federalregister.gov> so that they are readily accessible to the public.

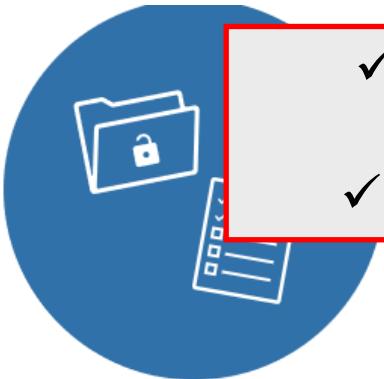
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3 Final Rule Stage

Post-comment period

After the comment period closes, the agency reviews all comments received and conducts a comment analysis. Then agencies decide whether to proceed with the rulemaking process or issue a new or modified proposal. In some cases they withdraw the proposal.

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- ✓ Unified Agenda (U.S. Code)
- ✓ Federal Register



- ✓ Federal Register
- ✓ Agency website
- ✓ Regulations.gov



- ✓ Federal Register
- ✓ Code of Federal Regulations (official)

What is the Federal Register?

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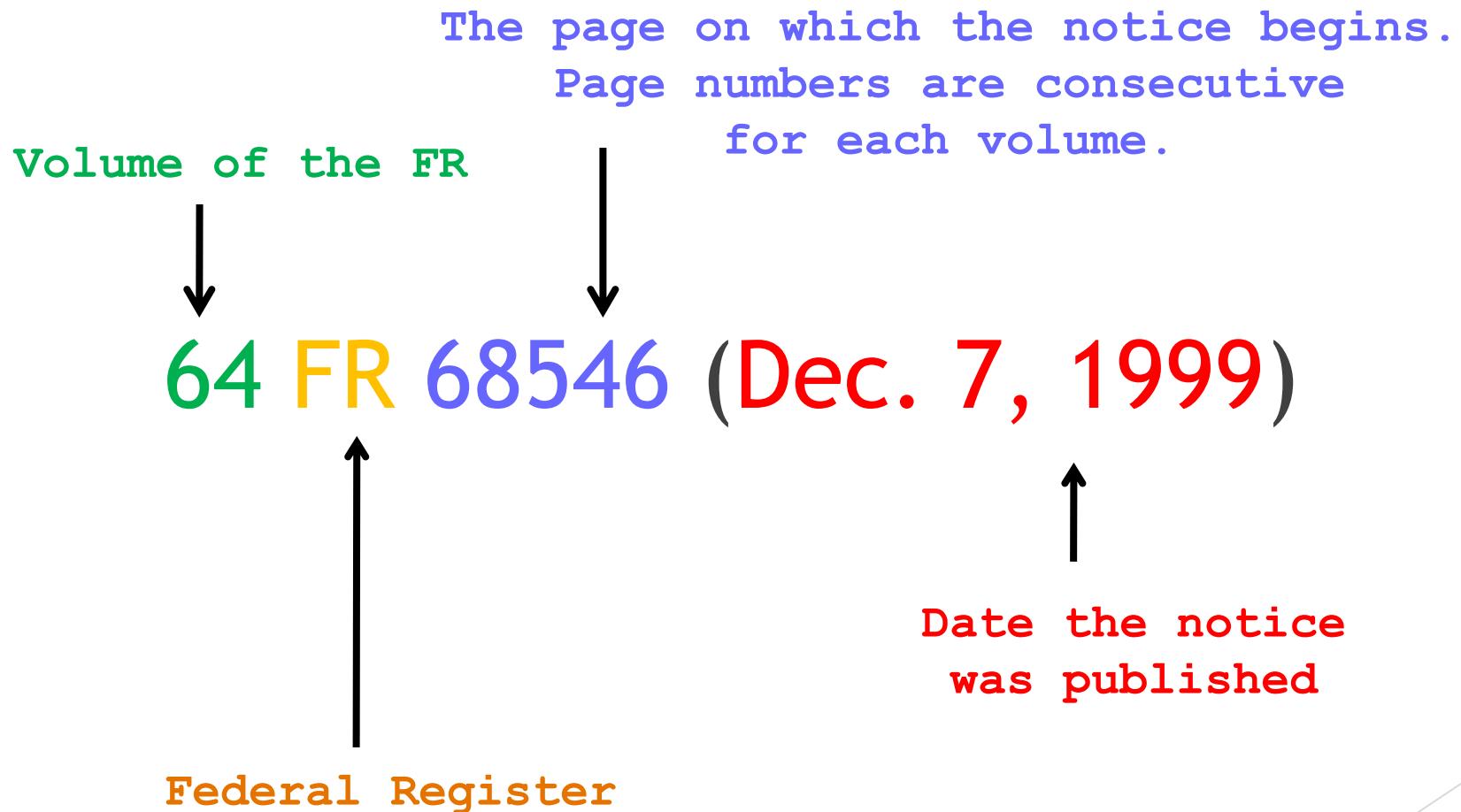
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Includes Proposed (in process) Rules

Includes Public Notices (for comments)

Includes Final Rules

How to Read a Federal Register Citation



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AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 9, 144, 145 and 146

[FRL-6482-2]

RIN 2040-AB83

Revisions to the Underground
Injection Control Regulations for Class
V Injection WellsAGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: Today the Environmental

EPA is proposing revisions to the Class V

Injection Control (UIC)

regulations. This rule adds new
requirements for two categories of
endangering Class V wells to ensure
protection of underground sources of
drinking water. In particular, it: bans
existing motor vehicle waste disposal
wells in ground water protection areas

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and other sensitive ground water areas with a provision that allows owners and operators to seek a waiver to ban and obtain a permit; and bans new motor vehicle waste disposal wells and now ban existing large-capacity cesspools nationwide. The rule discusses EPA's decision to postpone finalization of new

Title of the Regulation

rule. EPA believes it would be worthwhile to further study this well category and will finalize the rule for industrial wells at a later date.

DATES: This rule will be effective April 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The rule and supporting documents, including public comments and EPA responses, are available for review in the UIC Class V W-98-05 Water Docket at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 401 M Street, SW., EB57, Washington, D.C. 20460. For information on how to access Docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027

between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the Safe Drinking Water Hotline, phone 800-426-4791. The Safe Drinking Water Hotline is open Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. For technical inquiries, contact Robyn Delehanty, Underground Injection Control Program, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (mailcode 4606), EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20460. Phone: 202-260-1993. E-mail: delehanty.robyn@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Regulated Entities:* Although certain clarifications to the UIC regulations apply to owners or operators of any type of Class V well, the entities regulated by additional requirements are owners or operators of Class V motor vehicle waste disposal wells and large-capacity cesspools. Potentially regulated categories and entities include:

Category	Examples of regulated entities (if they have a Class V well)
Industry and Commerce	<i>Motor Vehicle Facilities:</i> gasoline service stations, new and used car dealers, any facility that does any vehicle repair work (e.g., body shops, transmission repair shops, and muffler repair shops). <i>Large-Capacity Cesspools:</i> residential or commercial facilities such as campgrounds, multi-unit residences, churches, schools. <i>Motor Vehicle Facilities:</i> road facilities, fire stations. <i>Large-Capacity Cesspools:</i> campgrounds, rest stops. Any Federal Agency that owns or operates one of the above entities.
State and Local Government	
Federal Government	

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide

- B. National Drinking Water Advisory Council
- C. Notice of Data Availability

- 3. Assessments for Ground Water Protection Areas Completed Before UIC Primacy Revisions are Approved

IMPORTANT:

To assist your research,
make note of
important citations
including the **Federal
Register citation**, the
CFR parts and the **RIN**
(**Regulation Identifier
Number**).

Knowing the **date** that
the regulation went
into effect is also
important. It provides
you with context for
broader research.

What is the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)?

Official document for all regulations and their related parts and specifications.

Divided into 50 titles - general topic areas.

Each title is divided into chapters (a chapter usually relates to a specific government agency). Chapters are sometimes referred to as PARTS.

Each chapter (part) is divided into sections and subsections - provide specifics about the regulation.

Changes to regulations are made throughout the year.

Sometimes there are very minor changes to multiple parts!
The CFR is a living document.

Regulations relating to the environment can appear in a number of CFR titles.

Published once per year according to a schedule.

- Titles 1-16 are updated as of January 1st
- Titles 17-27 are updated as of April 1st
- Titles 28-41 are updated as of July 1st
- Titles 42-50 are updated as of October 1st

A full set of the CFR consists of approximately 200 volumes. The approximately 200 CFR volumes are revised at least once a year on a quarterly basis.

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Title 40

Displaying title 40, up to date as of 9/22/2022. Title 40 was last amended 9/22/2022. [view historical versions](#)

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	§ 146.8 Mechanical integrity.
	§ 146.9 Criteria for establishing permitting priorities.
	§ 146.10 Plugging and abandoning Class I, II, III, IV, and V wells.
	Subpart B Criteria and Standards Applicable to Class I Wells
	§ 146.11 Criteria and standards applicable to Class I nonhazardous wells.
	§ 146.12 Construction requirements.
	§ 146.13 Operating, monitoring and reporting requirements.

How to Read a CFR Citation

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§ 146.10

Section



Code of
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Part



We are going to learn more about using the *Federal Register* and the *Code of Federal Regulations* later, but first let's figure out how to get there....



- ▶ Before you can move forward with this project, you are going to first need to identify the topic that you will be researching.
- ▶ You may already have an idea from class discussions or personal experience.
- ▶ But, if you haven't narrowed your topic, here are some first steps.

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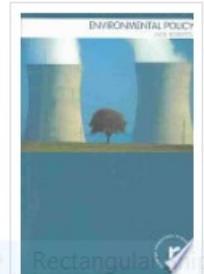
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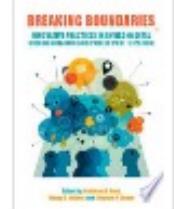
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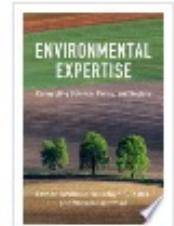
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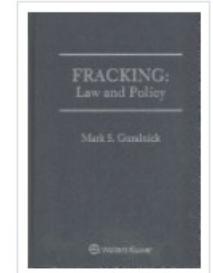
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And, of course, you can do a Google search to get background information.

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“environmental legislation”



“clean air act” history
“clean water act” history

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Environmental regulation is necessary. It can prevent the worst excesses, and the existence of regulation and enforcement is itself an important deterrent.

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Implementing Environmental Regulation: Enforcement and ...
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How is fracking regulated?

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Jan 28, 2020

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[Text - S.3247 - 116th Congress \(2019-2020\): Fracking Ban Act](#)

Who regulates fracking?

Oil and gas development is primarily regulated under **eight federal environmental and public health laws**. These laws apply to drilling and hydraulic fracturing from unconventional sources. However, exemptions or limitations exist within many of these laws which affect the applicability of federal law.

<https://www.watershedcouncil.org/hydraulic-fracturing/> ::

[Hydraulic Fracturing - Regulations and Exemptions](#)

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Combine your topic with the word “regulation” or the phrase: “federal regulation”



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[Unconventional Oil and Natural Gas Development | US EPA](#)

Aug 1, 2022 – The regulations prohibit **discharges** of wastewater pollutants from onshore unconventional oil and natural gas (UOG) extraction facilities to ...

<https://www.congress.gov> › bill › senate-bill › text



[Text - S.3247 - 116th Congress \(2019-2020\): Fracking Ban Act](#)

Jan 28, 2020 – Introduced in Senate (01/28/2020) To ban the practice of hydraulic **fracturing**, and for other purposes. To ban the practice of hydraulic ...

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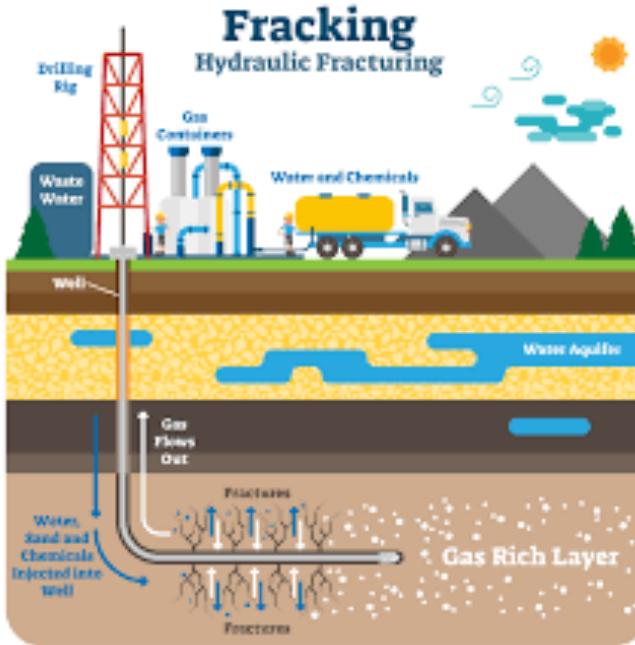


Are there federal regulations on fracking?

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How is fracking regulated in the US?

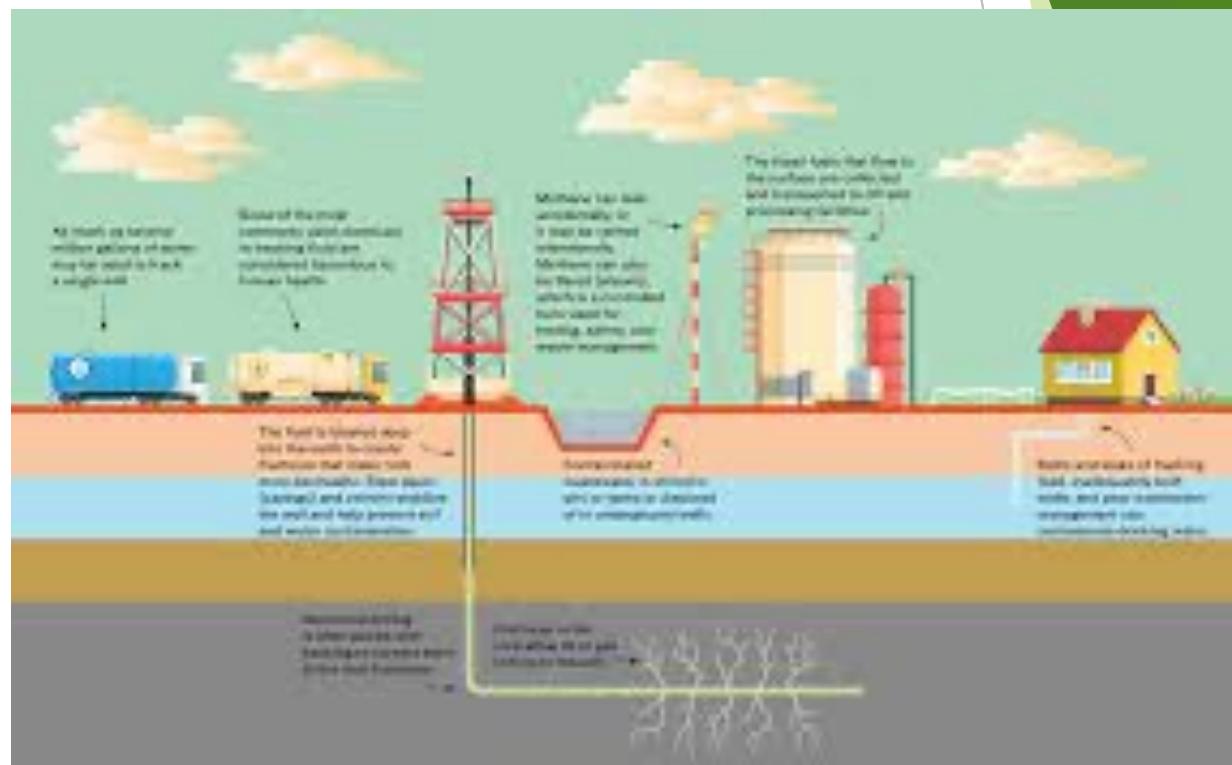




www.investopedia.com/terms/f/fracking.asp

As you do your research, make note of technical terms - fracking is short for **Hydraulic Fracturing**.

And use Google Images as one source to find system diagrams.



<https://www.nrdc.org/stories/fracking-101>

Let's go back to this search and look at some of the results - and follow the leads.



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[Hydraulic Fracturing - Regulations and Exemptions](#)

The first link looks as if fracking has been banned, BUT this is only a bill introduced to the Senate by Bernie Sanders in 2020. The bill did not come up for a vote and there is no ban.

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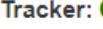
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Sponsor: [Sen. Sanders, Bernard \[I-VT\]](#) (Introduced 01/28/2020)

Committees: Senate - Energy and Natural Resources

Latest Action: Senate - 01/28/2020 Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. ([All Actions](#))

Tracker:  **Introduced** 

The 3rd link goes to the Federal Register and the rescission of a 2015 Rule.

Rescinded due to an executive order by President Trump in 2017 who stated that the regulations would be too burdensome on the gas and oil industry.

 **FEDERAL REGISTER**
The Daily Journal of the United States Government 

Rule 

Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands; Rescission of a 2015 Rule

A Rule by the Land Management Bureau on 12/29/2017 

PUBLISHED DOCUMENT

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AGENCY:
Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION:
Final rule.

SUMMARY:
On March 26, 2015, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published in the **Federal Register** a final rule entitled, “Oil and Gas; Hydraulic Fracturing on Federal and Indian Lands” (2015 rule). With this final rule, the BLM is rescinding the 2015 rule because we believe it imposes administrative burdens and compliance costs that are not justified. This final rule returns the affected sections of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) to the language that existed immediately before the published effective date of the 2015 rule (June 24, 2015), except for changes to those regulations that were made by other rules published

DOCUMENT DETAILS

Printed version: [PDF](#)
Publication Date: 12/29/2017
Agencies: [Bureau of Land Management](#)
Dates: This final rule is effective on December 29, 2017.
Effective Date: 12/29/2017
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Document Citation: 82 FR 61924
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Federal laws provide some basic protections from oil and gas development activities. For example, the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) protect surface waters and groundwater from contamination and wastewater disposed of in injection wells are regulated to ensure that injected fluid does not endanger drinking water sources. However, in six of the federal laws, there are exemptions or limitations in regulatory coverage for preventative programs. These exemptions do not limit EPA's overall authority under federal environmental and public health laws to respond to environmental contamination, but there is less oversight of oil and natural gas development as a result.

The second link goes to the **Watershed Council of Michigan** - nonprofit organization that is anti-fracking. The page outlines some of the federal regulation relating to fracking - there isn't much!

Most of the regulation is under the major environmental acts of the 1970s and 1980s.

Federal Law	Applicable to Oil and Gas Development	Exemptions or Limitations	Source of Exemption Exemption or Limitation
Safe Drinking Water Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Underground Injection Control ProgramImminent and Substantial Endangerment Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hydraulic fracturing fluids other than diesel fuels do not require Underground Injection Control Permit	Statutory – 2005 Energy Policy Act
Clean Water Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System programSpill reporting and spill prevention and response planning requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Federal stormwater permits not required for uncontaminated stormwater at oil and gas construction or well sites	Statutory - 1987 Water Quality Act and 2005 Energy Policy Act
Resource Conservation and Recovery Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Non-exempt wastes present at well sites may be regulated as hazardousImminent and Substantial Endangerment Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oil and gas exploration and production wastes not regulated as hazardous waste	1988 Regulatory/EPA decision
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hazardous substance release reportingImminent and Substantial Endangerment Provision for releases of a pollutant or contaminant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Liability and reporting provisions do not apply to injections of fluids authorized by state law for production, enhanced recover, or produced waterPetroleum releases not covered	Statutory – 1980
Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Reporting on use, inventories, and releases into the environment of hazardous and toxic chemicals above threshold quantities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Oil and gas well operations not required to report releases of listed chemicals to Toxics Release Inventory	1997 Regulatory/EPA decision

Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

The Safe Drinking Water Act is the main federal law that ensures the quality of Americans' drinking water. EPA regulates the injection of fluids underground through the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program. In 2005, the Energy Policy Act amended SDWA to specifically exempt hydraulic fracturing from the UIC program, except in instances where diesel fuel is injected as part of the hydraulic fracturing. Therefore, the process of injecting fracturing fluid into the target formation as part of oil or gas production is exempt from these requirements unless the fluid contains diesel.^{[1][2]}

While fracking fluids are exempt under SWDA, wastewater from oil and gas operations, flowback and produced water, are not exempt if disposed of in deep injection wells. Wells used for the disposal of waste fluids associated with oil and production, including produced water, are Class II wells. UIC regulations include minimum federal requirements for most Class II wells including obtaining a permit from the EPA or state, demonstrating that casing and cementing are adequate, and passing an integrity test prior to beginning operation of the injection well and at least once every 5 years.



Class II Wells — Injection wells associated with oil and gas production.

Purpose: Regulate and manage safe injection (1) of fluid brought to the surface in connection with oil and gas production and some natural gas storage operations, (2) for enhanced recovery of oil or natural gas, or (3) for hydrocarbon storage operations. Prohibit movement of fluids into USDWs.

Examples of Fluids:

- Produced high salinity brine.
- Crude oil (for storage).
- Polymers and viscosifiers for enhanced recovery wells.
- Drilling fluids and muds.

Protective Requirements:

Construction and siting

- Cased and cemented to prevent movement of fluids into USDWs.
- Construction and design of well (casing, tubing and packer) varies.

Monitoring and Testing

- Internal/external mechanical integrity testing.
- Periodic monitoring and reporting.

Recordkeeping and Reporting

- Plan for safe plugging and abandoning of wells, including demonstration of financial responsibility.

Regulatory Citations:

- 40 CFR 144 Subparts A – E
- 40 CFR 146 Subparts A and C

Source: EPA Protecting Drinking Water Through Underground Injection Control: UIC Pocket Guide

This summary of the relationship between the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and fracking mentions two helpful leads -

The Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program and

Regulatory Citations - 40 CFR 146
Subparts A and C

Protecting Underground Sources of Drinking Water from Underground Injection (UIC)



Underground Injection

EPA regulates the construction, operation, permitting, and closure of injection wells used to place fluids underground for storage or disposal. [Learn more about injection well types.](#)

Following the link in the article, I can get more information on Underground Injection Control from the EPA website.

The EPA site has a wealth of information on environmental regulations!!!

UIC Topics in the Spotlight

UIC Well Classes



- [Class I industrial and municipal waste disposal wells](#)
- [Class II oil and gas related injection wells](#)
- [Class III solution mining wells](#)
- [Class IV shallow hazardous and radioactive waste injection wells](#)
- [Class V wells that inject non-hazardous fluids into or above underground sources of drinking water](#)
- [Class VI geologic sequestration wells](#)
 - [Geologic Sequestration of Carbon Dioxide - Underground Injection Control Manual for UIC Program Directors](#)



I can get
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Volume: 23

Date: 2014-07-01

Original Date: 2014-07-01

Title: PART 146 - UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PROGRAM: CRITERIA AND STANDARDS

Context: Title 40 - Protection of Environment. CHAPTER I - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CONTINUED). SUBCHAPTER D - WATER PROGRAMS (CONTINUED).

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Subpart B—Criteria and Standards Applicable to Class I Wells

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Subpart C—Criteria and Standards Applicable to Class II Wells

The subsections of regulations will outline more specific requirements.

In this example, make note of the methods for placement of cement plugs.

You can follow up on this when designing your system model.

§ 146.10 Plugging and abandoning Class I, II, III, IV, and V wells.

(a) Requirements for Class I, II and III wells.

(1) Prior to abandoning Class I, II and III wells, the well shall be plugged with cement in a manner which will not allow the movement of fluids either into or between underground sources of drinking water. The Director may allow Class III wells to use other plugging materials if the Director is satisfied that such materials will prevent movement of fluids into or between underground sources of drinking water.

(2) Placement of the cement plugs shall be accomplished by one of the following:

(i) The Balance method;

(ii) The Dump Bailer method;

(iii) The Two-Plug method; or

(iv) An alternative method approved by the Director, which will reliably provide a comparable level of protection to underground sources of drinking water.

(3) The well to be abandoned shall be in a state of static equilibrium with the mud weight equalized top to bottom, either by circulating the mud in the well at least once or by a comparable method prescribed by the Director, prior to the placement of the cement plug(s).

(4) The plugging and abandonment plan required in [40 CFR 144.51\(o\)](#) and [144.52\(a\)\(6\)](#) shall, in the case of a Class III project which underlies or is in an aquifer which has been exempted under [§ 146.04](#), also demonstrate adequate protection of USDWs. The Director shall prescribe aquifer cleanup and monitoring where he deems it necessary and feasible to insure adequate protection of USDWs.

(b) Requirements for Class IV wells. Prior to abandoning a Class IV well, the owner or operator shall close the well in accordance with [40 CFR 144.23\(b\)](#).

(c) Requirements for Class V wells.

(1) Prior to abandoning a Class V well, the owner or operator shall close the well in a manner that prevents the movement of fluid containing any contaminant into an underground source of drinking water, if the presence of that contaminant may cause a violation of any primary drinking water regulation under [40 CFR part 141](#) or may otherwise adversely affect the health of persons. Closure requirements for motor vehicle waste disposal wells and large-capacity cesspools are reiterated at [§ 144.89](#).

(2) The owner or operator shall dispose of or otherwise manage any soil, gravel, sludge, liquids, or other materials removed from or adjacent to the well in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and local regulations and requirements.

Regulatory Information By Business Sector

Additional regulations not listed on these pages may apply. Other sector-based resources are available through EPA's many voluntary and partnership programs, including [Compliance Assistance Centers](#), which can also direct businesses to state-specific compliance information.

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- [Agriculture: Crop Production and Animal Products \(NAICS 111-112\)](#)

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Before learning about additional resources -- a reminder that it is good to keep track of the important information relating to your regulation.

- ▶ **Federal Register Citation:** 64 FR 68546 (Dec. 7, 1999)
- ▶ **CFR Title and Parts** 40 CFR 146.10
- ▶ **RIN** 2040-AB83
- ▶ **Date regulation was adopted:** December 7, 1999
- ▶ **Name of the regulation:**
Revisions to the Underground Injection Control Regulations for Class V Injection Wells.

Let's circle back to the **Federal Register** and look at its website to see how you can track what has happened with a regulation.



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(R) Modification of Regulations Regarding Benefit and Specificity in Countervailing Duty Proceedings by the International Trade Administration on 02/04/2020.
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(R) Federal Requirements Under the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program for Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) by the Environmental Protection Agency on 12/10/2010.
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- ④ National Emission Standard for Benzene Waste Operations
by the Environmental Protection Agency on 12/04/2003.

November 12, 2002, we issued a direct final rule (67 FR 68528) and a parallel proposed rule (67 FR 68546) to amend the national emission standard for benzene ... the UMRA. E. Executive Order 13132: Federalism Executive Order 13132 (64

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- ④ Underground Injection Control Program-Notice of Final Determination for Class V Wells
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1993 (58 FR 63890), June 10, 1994 (59 FR 29958), December 14, 1994 (59 FR 64339), June 29, 1995 (60 FR 33926), and December 7, 1999 (64 FR 68546). Section

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- ④ Notice of Final Decision on Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Wells in EPA Region 8; Underground Injection Control (UIC) Class V Program
by the Environmental Protection Agency on 06/04/2002.

On December 7, 1999, EPA revised its regulations for Class V wells. (64 FR 68546.) Effective April 5, 2000, all new motor vehicle waste disposal wells ... Administrator, Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance, Region 8. [FR Doc....

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- ④ Underground Injection Control Program-Notice of Proposed Determination for Class V Wells
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The Federal Register reported the Final Rule on October 16, 1999, BUT it also referred to a future rule that it would be making.



This is that future ruling.
67 FR 39583 June 7, 2002

Underground Injection Control Program-Notice of Final Determination for Class V Wells

A Rule by the Environmental Protection Agency on 06/07/2002



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AGENCY:

Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION:

Notice of final determination; and final rule.

SUMMARY:

Today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a final determination for all sub-classes of Class V injection wells not included in the final rulemaking on Class V motor vehicle waste disposal wells and large-capacity cesspools (December 7, 1999). These include shallow non-hazardous industrial

DOCUMENT DETAILS

Printed version:

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Publication Date:

06/07/2002

Agency:

[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

Dates:

The final determination and rule revisions will be effective on June 7, 2002. Pursuant to 40 CFR 23.7, for the purposes of judicial review, this final determination and rule revisions are issued/ promulgated as of 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 7, 2002.

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Hydraulic Fracturing: Selected Legal Issues	R43152	Jul 20, 2016
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CRS reports provide background information on regulations and broader implications.

This report focuses on hydraulic fracturing and drinking water.

Summary

Hydraulic fracturing is a technique developed initially to stimulate oil production from wells in declining oil reservoirs. With technological advances, hydraulic fracturing is now widely used to initiate oil and gas production in unconventional (low-permeability) oil and gas formations that were previously uneconomical to produce. Nationwide, this process is now used in more than 90% of new oil and gas wells and in many existing wells to stimulate production. Hydraulic fracturing is done after a well is drilled and involves injecting large volumes of water, sand (or other propping agent), and specialized chemicals under enough pressure to fracture formations holding the oil or gas. The sand or other proppant holds the fractures open to allow the oil or gas to flow freely out of the formation and into a production well. In combination with directional drilling, its application for production of natural gas (methane) from unconventional shale formations, tight sands, and coal beds has resulted in the marked expansion of estimated U.S. natural gas reserves in recent years. Similarly, hydraulic fracturing is enabling the development of tight oil resources, such as the Bakken and Eagle Ford formations. The rapid growth in the use of fracturing has raised concerns over its potential impacts on groundwater and drinking water resources and has led to calls for more state and/or federal oversight of this activity.

The principal federal law regulating underground injection activities is the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Historically, EPA had regulated injection of fluids for disposal and enhanced oil recovery but had not regulated the underground injection of fluids for hydraulic fracturing of oil or gas production wells. In 1997, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit ruled that fracturing for coalbed methane (CBM) production in Alabama constituted underground injection and must be regulated under the SDWA. This ruling led EPA to study the risk that hydraulic fracturing for CBM production might pose to drinking water sources. In 2004, EPA reported that the risk was small, except where diesel fuel was used, and that national regulation was not needed. However, to address the regulatory uncertainty the ruling created, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct 2005) revised the SDWA term “underground injection” to explicitly exclude the injection of fluids and propping agents (except diesel fuels) used for hydraulic fracturing purposes. Thus, EPA lacks authority under the SDWA to regulate hydraulic fracturing except where diesel fuels are used. In February 2014, EPA issued final permitting guidance for hydraulic fracturing operations using diesel fuels.

As the use of the process has grown, some in Congress would like to revisit the 2005 statutory exclusion. Legislation to revise the act’s definition of underground injection to explicitly include

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RIN: 2040-AB83

Publication ID: Spring 2000

Title: Revisions to the Underground Injection Control Regulations for Class V Injection Wells

Abstract: EPA finalized the Revisions to the Underground Injection Control Regulations for Class V Injection Wells. The rule adds new requirements for two categories of Class V wells: large-capacity cesspools and motor vehicle waste disposal wells. New large-capacity cesspools and new motor vehicle waste disposal wells are banned nationwide as of April 5, 2000. Existing large-capacity cesspools must be closed by April 5, 2005. Existing motor vehicle waste disposal wells are banned in areas identified by the State as being critical for protection of underground sources of drinking water. Owners and operators may be able to seek a waiver from the ban and obtain a permit. The rule sets minimum permit conditions.

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency(EPA)

Priority: Other Significant

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda

Agenda Stage of Rulemaking: Completed Actions

Major: No

Unfunded Mandates: No

CFR Citation: [40 CFR 144](#) [40 CFR 145](#) [40 CFR 146](#) [40 CFR 9](#)

Legal Authority: [42 USC 300\(h\)](#) SDWA 1421 to 1425

Legal Deadline:

Action	Source	Description	Date
NPRM	Judicial		07/18/1998
Final	Judicial		11/28/1999

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/28/1995	60 FR 44652
NPRM 2 Reproposal	07/29/1998	63 FR 40585
Final Action	12/07/1999	64 FR 68545

Additional Information: SAN No. 2778

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Government Levels Affected: Federal, Local, State, Tribal

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Federalism: No

Included in the Regulatory Plan: No

Sectors Affected: 4411 Automobile Dealers; 4412 Other Motor Vehicle Dealers; 447 Gasoline Stations; 484 Truck Transportation; 485 Transit and Ground Passenger Transportation; 532 Rental and Leasing Services; 7212 RV (Recreational Vehicle) Parks and Recreational Camps; 8111 Automotive Repair and Maintenance

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Comment attachment referring to "why the ICR (Information Collection Request) is incomplete and provide recommendations on how EPA can reduce the paperwork burden for those who must comply with the UIC (Underground Injection Control) program requirements" submitted by Susan Asmus, Staff Vice-President, National Association of Home Builders (NAHB)

recommendations on how EPA can reduce the paperwork burden for those who must comply with the UIC (*Underground Injection Control*) program require Association... *Injection Control* Program, EPA ICR I Program.... NAHB members are impacted by the *Un* storm... *Injection Control* Program, OMB *Control* N 1999 Class V *Underground Injection Control* Study

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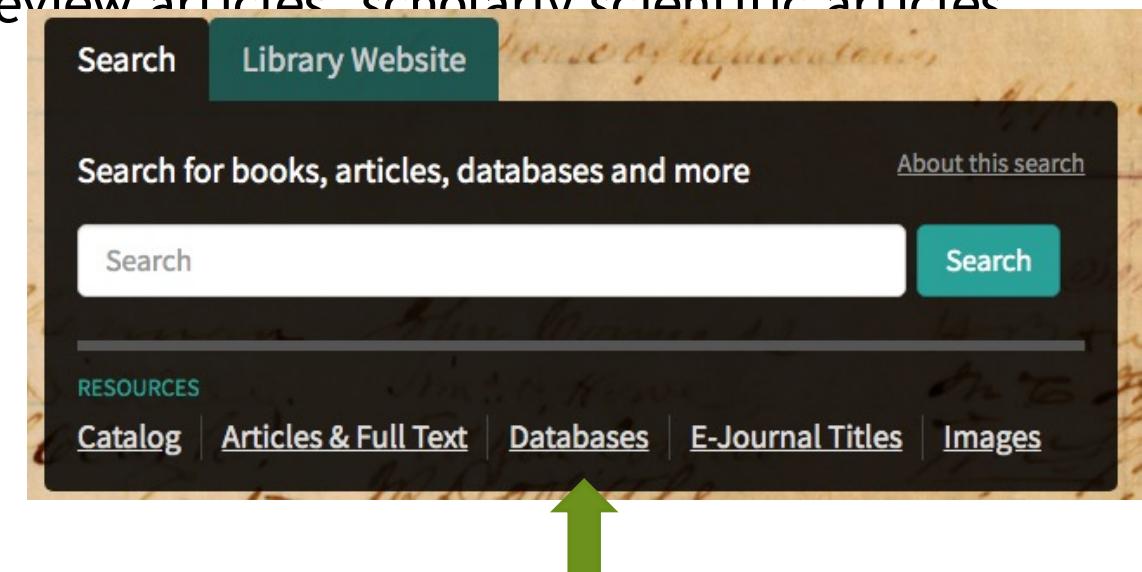
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Sep 03, 2022

Targeted News Service, 317 words

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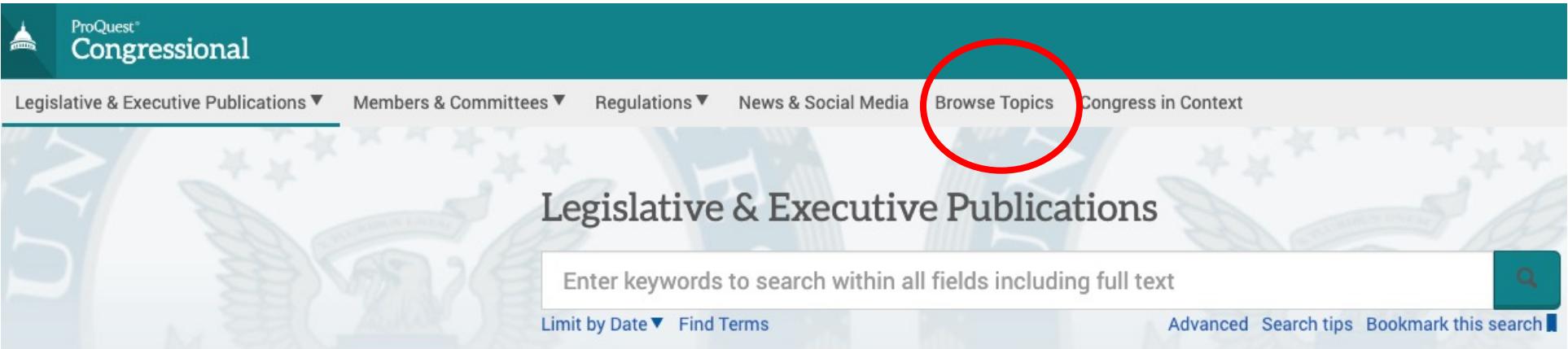
2. DNREC PUBLIC HEARING: Proposed Amendments to the Regulations Governing Underground Injection Control

May 10, 2017

US Official News, 251 words

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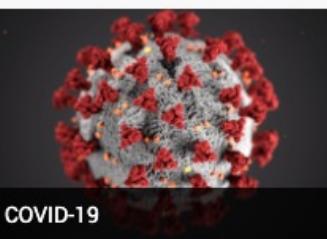
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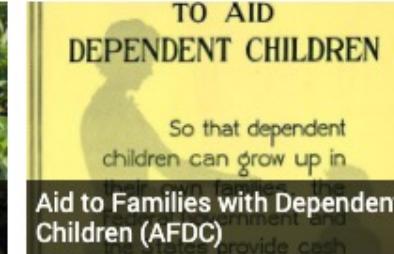
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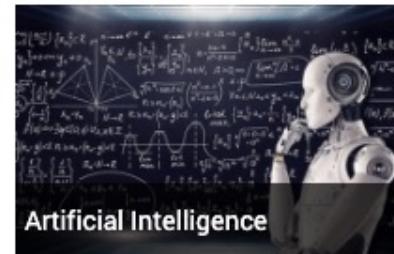
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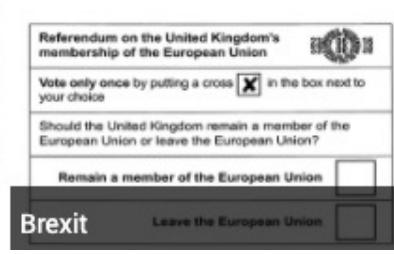
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