

# Critical Pressure Calculations

## Critical Pressure Rise Calculations Burdock Area Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance

Depth to base of Unkpapa/Sundance	1255 ft bgs	Base <sub>US</sub>	
Depth to top of Unkpapa/Sundance potentiometric surface	-29 ft bgs	PotSurf <sub>US</sub>	29 feet above ground surface p. 2-5 Class V Permit App
Depth to top of Minnelusa Fm	1950 ft bgs	Top <sub>IJ</sub>	
Depth to top of Minnelusa potentiometric surface	1750 ft bgs	PotSurf <sub>IJ</sub>	
Specific gravity USDW fluids $\gamma_{USDW}$	1.001		
Specific gravity Minnelusa injection zone fluids $\gamma_{Minn}$	1.008		
water column pressure gradient	0.433 psi/ft		

## Critical pressure from Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance

Pressure at top of Minnelusa injection zone= $P_O$		
$P_O=0.433[\gamma_{Minn} * PotSurf_{IJ}] =$	763.8 psi	
distance between base of USDW and top of injection zone: $Top_{IJ} - Base_{USDW}$	695.0 ft	
distance between base of USDW and top of USDW pot surf: $Base_{USDW} - PotSurf_{USDW}$	1284.0 ft	
pressure required to move injection zone fluids from top of Minnelusa up to Unkpapa/Sundance= $P_{MUS}$		
$P_{MUS}=0.433[\gamma_{Minn}(Top_{IJ} - Base_{USDW})] =$	303.3 psi	
pressure that must be overcome in the Unkpapa/Sundance USDW= $P_{US}$		
$P_{US}=0.433[\gamma_{USDW}(Base_{USDW} - PotSurf_{USDW})]$	556.5 psi	
$P_C=(P_{MUS}+P_{US}) - P_O$	96.1 psi	

## Critical pressure from Minnelusa to Madison

Depth to base of Minnelusa Inj Zone	2540 ft bgs	Base <sub>IJ</sub>	2785 ft (if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)
Depth to top of Madison USDW	3100 ft bgs	Top <sub>Mad</sub>	
distance between base of Minnelusa injection zone and top of Madison USDW = $Base_{IJ} - Top_{Mad}$	-560.0 ft		-315.0 ft (if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)
pressure required to move injection zone fluids from bottom of Minnelusa down to top of Madison USDW= $P_{MM}$			
$P_{MM}=0.433[\gamma_{Minn}(Base_{IJ} - Top_{Mad})]$	-244.4 psi	$P_{MM}$	-137.5 psi (if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)
Depth to top of Madison potentiometric surface=	86.8 ft bgs	PotSurf <sub>Mad</sub>	86.8 ft EPA's input value
Pressure at base of Minnelusa injection zone= $P_O$ above + aquifer fluid pressure within Minnelusa			
$P_O + 0.433[\gamma_{Minn} * (Base_{IJ} - Top_{IJ})] =$	1021.3 psi	$P_{Minn}$	1128.3 ft (if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)
pressure that must be overcome in the Madison USDW= $P_{Mad}$			
$P_{Mad}=0.433[\gamma_{USDW}(Top_{Mad} - PotSurf_{Mad})]$	1306.0 psi		1306.0
$P_C=(P_{MM}+P_{Mad}) - P_{Minn}$	40.3 psi		40.3 psi (at 40.3 psi even if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)

**Critical Pressure Rise Calculations Burdock Area**

**Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance**

Depth to base of Unkpapa/Sundance	920 ft bgs	Base <sub>US</sub>	
Depth to top of Unkpapa/Sundance potentiometric surface	-29 ft bgs	PotSurf <sub>US</sub>	29 feet above ground surface p. 2-3 Class V Permit App
Depth to top of Minnelusa Fm	1615 ft bgs	Top <sub>U</sub>	
Depth to top of Minnelusa potentiometric surface	1415 ft bgs	PotSurf <sub>U</sub>	
Specific gravity USDW fluids $\gamma_{USDW}$	1.001		
Specific gravity Minnelusa injection zone fluids $\gamma_{Minn}$	1.008		
water column pressure gradient	0.433 psi/ft		

**Critical pressure from Minnelusa to Unkpapa/Sundance**

Pressure at top of Minnelusa injection zone= $P_O$			
$P_O=0.433[\gamma_{Minn} * PotSurf_U]=$	617.6 psi		
distance between base of USDW and top of injection zone: $Top_U - Base_{USDW}$	695.0 ft		
distance between base of USDW and top of USDW pot surf: $Base_{USDW} - PotSurf_{USDW}$	949.0 ft		
pressure required to move injection zone fluids from top of Minnelusa up to Unkpapa/Sundance= $P_{MUS}$			
$P_{MUS}=0.433[\gamma_{Minn}(Top_U - Base_{USDW})]=$	303.3 psi		
pressure that must be overcome in the Unkpapa/Sundance USDW= $P_{US}$			
$P_{US}=0.433[\gamma_{USDW}(Base_{USDW} - PotSurf_{USDW})]$	411.3 psi		
$P_C=(P_{MUS}+P_{US}) - P_O$	<b>97.1</b> psi		

**Critical pressure from Minnelusa to Madison**

Depth to base of Minnelusa Inj Zone	2205 ft bgs	Base <sub>U</sub>	2450 ft (if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)
Depth to top of Madison USDW	2765 ft bgs	Top <sub>Mad</sub>	
distance between base of Minnelusa injection zone and top of Madison USDW = $Base_U - Top_{Mad}$	-560.0 ft		-315.0 ft (if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)
pressure required to move injection zone fluids from bottom of Minnelusa down to top of Madison USDW= $P_{MM}$			
$P_{MM}=0.433[\gamma_{Minn}(Base_U - Top_{Mad})]$	-244.4 psi	$P_{MM}$	-137.5 psi (if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)
Depth to top of Madison potentiometric surface=	-200.0 ft bgs (PT)	PotSurf <sub>Mad</sub>	101.8 =86.8 ft +15 ft EPA's input value
Pressure at base of Minnelusa injection zone=			
$P_O$ above + aquifer fluid pressure within Minnelusa			
$P_O + 0.433[\gamma_{Minn} * (Base_U - Top_U)]=$	875.1 psi	$P_{Minn}$	982.0 psi (if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone)
pressure that must be overcome in the Madison USDW= $P_{Mad}$			
$P_{Mad}=0.433[\gamma_{USDW}(Top_{Mad} - PotSurf_{Mad})]$	1285.1 psi		1154.3 psi (using EPA's input value for depth to top of Madison pot surf)
$P_C=(P_{MM}+P_{Mad}) - P_{Minn}$	165.6 psi (PT)		<b>34.8</b> psi (using EPA's input value for depth to top of Madison pot surf) 34.9 psi even if lower sandstones are included in the injection zone