

EPA Seeks Comments on Plan to Modify an Existing Class II Permit

How to Comment

You may comment on the proposed modification to the existing permit in writing. Please refer to BreitBurn Operating LP, permit number MI-009-2D-0072.

Email your comments to:

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If you do not have access to email, please contact Andrew Greenhagen for instructions on how to comment.

Comment Period

EPA will accept written comments until **July 15, 2020**.

Information Repository

You may see the draft modified permit pages at

<https://go.usa.gov/3JwFP>

Administrative Record

To request review of Administrative Record files, contact Andrew Greenhagen (*see above*).

Right to appeal

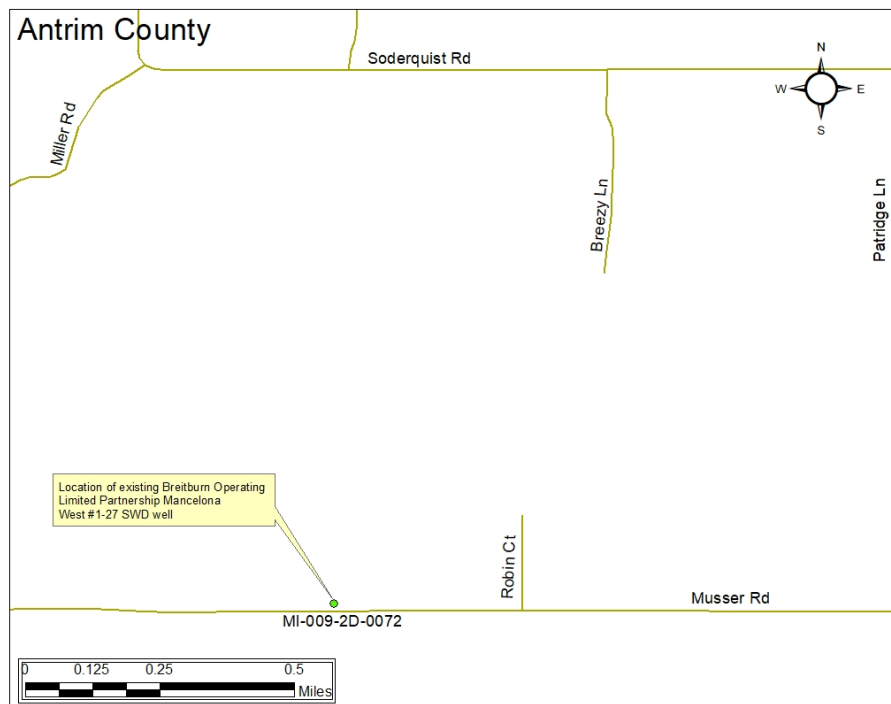
You have the right to appeal any final permit decision if you make an official comment during the comment period or participate in the public hearing. A public hearing is not planned at this time. The first appeal must be made to the Environmental Appeals Board.

To learn more about EPA's Underground Injection Control program, or to join our mailing list visit <https://go.usa.gov/3JwFP>

BreitBurn Operating LP

Antrim County, Michigan

June 2020



Map shows location of the injection well location in Antrim County, Michigan.

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency plans to modify what it calls a Class II permit for BreitBurn Operating LP, 1165 Elkview Drive, Gaylord, Michigan. The existing permit is for an injection well used for the disposal of salt water from production wells owned or operated by BreitBurn Operating Limited Partnership. EPA first issued a permit for this activity in 1993. The proposed modifications will change the injection zone to the Dundee Limestone between 2570 feet and 2841 feet, update the maximum injection pressure to 675 pounds per square inch gauge, and update the Plugging and Abandonment Plan. Only the conditions proposed for modification are re-opened for comment.

EPA is accepting comments from the public on this proposed permit modification approval (*see box, left*). The public comment period, which ends **July 15, 2020**, includes 30 days for comments as required by law, plus an additional three days for any delay caused by mailing.

During the comment period, you may ask EPA – in writing – to hold a formal public hearing (*see address, left*). Be sure to say specifically what issues you want to raise. EPA will hold a hearing if there is significant interest. If there is a hearing, EPA will publish a notice at least 30 days prior. You will have an opportunity to make oral comments or submit written comments. EPA will consider all comments it receives, and then issue a final decision along with a response to the significant comments.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires EPA to regulate injection of fluids through wells to protect the quality of underground sources of drinking water. Issuing permits is one way EPA does this. You can find the regulations governing underground injection wells at Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 144 and 146.