

Barry County injection well EPA hearing is April 19

Residents in [Barry County](#) are preparing for a public hearing held by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a proposed underground injection well in Johnstown Township. A Traverse City-based company, Arbor Operating, seeks to operate a class 2 well, Swanson 4-7 SWD, which would take toxic wastes from oil and gas wells for permanent disposal. The permit application is requesting for a dry oil well on Manning Road to be converted to an injection well. The company now brings its wastes from three oil/gas wells to Calhoun County for disposal.

Anyone concerned about injection wells in Michigan are welcome to attend and provide comments to the EPA. The hearing is preceded by a public informational meeting. Both take place at the Hastings Public Library.

If you cannot attend, please send written comments.

Location: Hastings Public Library, 227 E. State Street, Hastings, MI (upstairs)

Date: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Time: Public Meeting 6:00 to 7:30 pm, followed by **Public HEARING** 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Come early to register to speak and be prepared to give a 3-minute comment.

April 21 Deadline for written comments: The written public comment period ends Friday, April 21 (midnight postmark). Send new comments to: Jeffrey Wawczak, U.S. EPA Region 5 (WU-16J), 77 W. Jackson Blvd, Chicago, IL 60604-3950. Comments can be submitted by email: wawczak.jeffrey@epa.gov

See the [EPA Public Notice](#) here.

Articles:

"A Proposed Injection Well for Barry County," Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation,

["EPA plans to allow fracking-waste well in Johnstown Township; opens public hearing before approval," Hastings Reminder, March 25, 2017](#)

["State, EPA say proposed brine disposal well in Barry County is safe" MLive, April 13, 2017.](#)