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## **Regulatory Alert**

**TO: AWWA Leadership  
All Utilities**

**FROM: AWWA Government Affairs**

**DATE: July 25, 2008**

<b>Who: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b>
<b>What: Federal Register Notice Concerning Carbon Sequestration</b>
<b>When: July 25, 2008</b>

Today, EPA published a [notice in the Federal Register](#) concerning the proposed geological carbon sequestration rule. The rule proposes a new class of well and minimum technical criteria for the geologic site characterization, fluid movement, area of review and corrective action, well construction, operation, mechanical integrity testing, monitoring, well plugging, post-injection site care, and site closure for the purposes of protecting underground sources of drinking water.

AWWA is concerned that geological sequestration, if done improperly, can potentially harm underground drinking water supplies. AWWA has encouraged EPA to craft a rule based on all available information and to collect additional information so that adequate protection is assured.

On Thursday, a hearing was held by the U.S. House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials. Testifying on behalf of AWWA, Don Broussard, water operations manager for Lafayette, La., Utilities System, [detailed several of AWWA's specific concerns](#).

AWWA is conducting a formal review of the agency's proposal and would appreciate any member insights. EPA is seeking comments, due November 24<sup>th</sup>, on the proposed rule. AWWA will submit comments and strongly encourages utilities to do the same. AWWA we will be send out a second regulatory alert in October with helpful bullets.

Please contact AWWA's Government Affairs Office at 202-628-8303 with any questions.