GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

September 28, 2026

Mr. Scott Mason
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75270

Dear Administrator Mason:

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 144, Subpart C, I request the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approve the State of Texas' application for primary enforcement authority (primacy) for the Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program for spent brine return injection wells. The Class V UIC Program will join the existing injection well programs currently administered by the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC).

The State of Texas' application contains all elements required by the EPA and Section 1422 of the Safe Drinking Water Act. The RRC has statutory authority, expert personnel, and fiscal capabilities necessary to carry out the program as described in the application.

Therefore, I request the State of Texas be granted primacy over the Class V UIC Program for spent brine return injection wells.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott
Governor