



# CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Permitting Approach

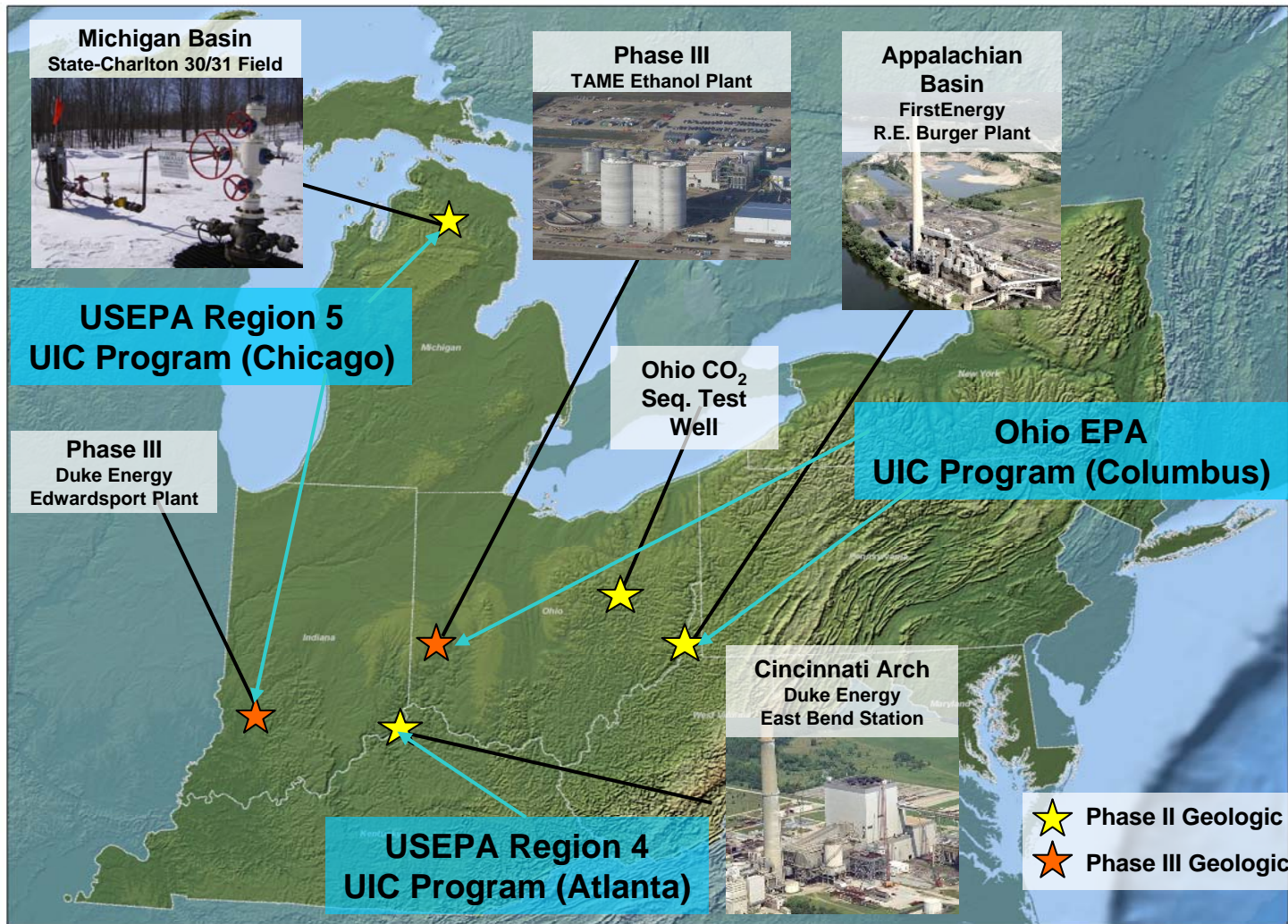
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# MRCSP Field Test Sites



# Key Regulatory Steps

State	Regulators
MI	Test well: MI DNR UIC: US EPA Region 5
OH	Test Well: OH DNR UIC: Ohio EPA
KY	UIC: US EPA Region 4 (includes test well)

Suggest the following four slides as replacement slides for flowcharts and block diagrams (slides 8-13)

*KY – UIC permit is obtained prior to drilling test well. Pending results, issues authorization to inject*

Obtain permit/  
Drill test well

Obtain UIC permit/  
Conduct field test

Terminate Permit/  
Site closeout

Post-injection monitoring  
O&M and Reporting  
Demonstrate integrity  
Complete injection well

Draft UIC permit issued for public review  
Injection and Monitoring  
Model injection process  
Analyze data from test well

Draft permit issued for public review/comment  
Conduct seismic survey  
Perform Area of Review  
Review site geologic data

Begin permit  
application process

Groundwork  
(preliminary assessment)

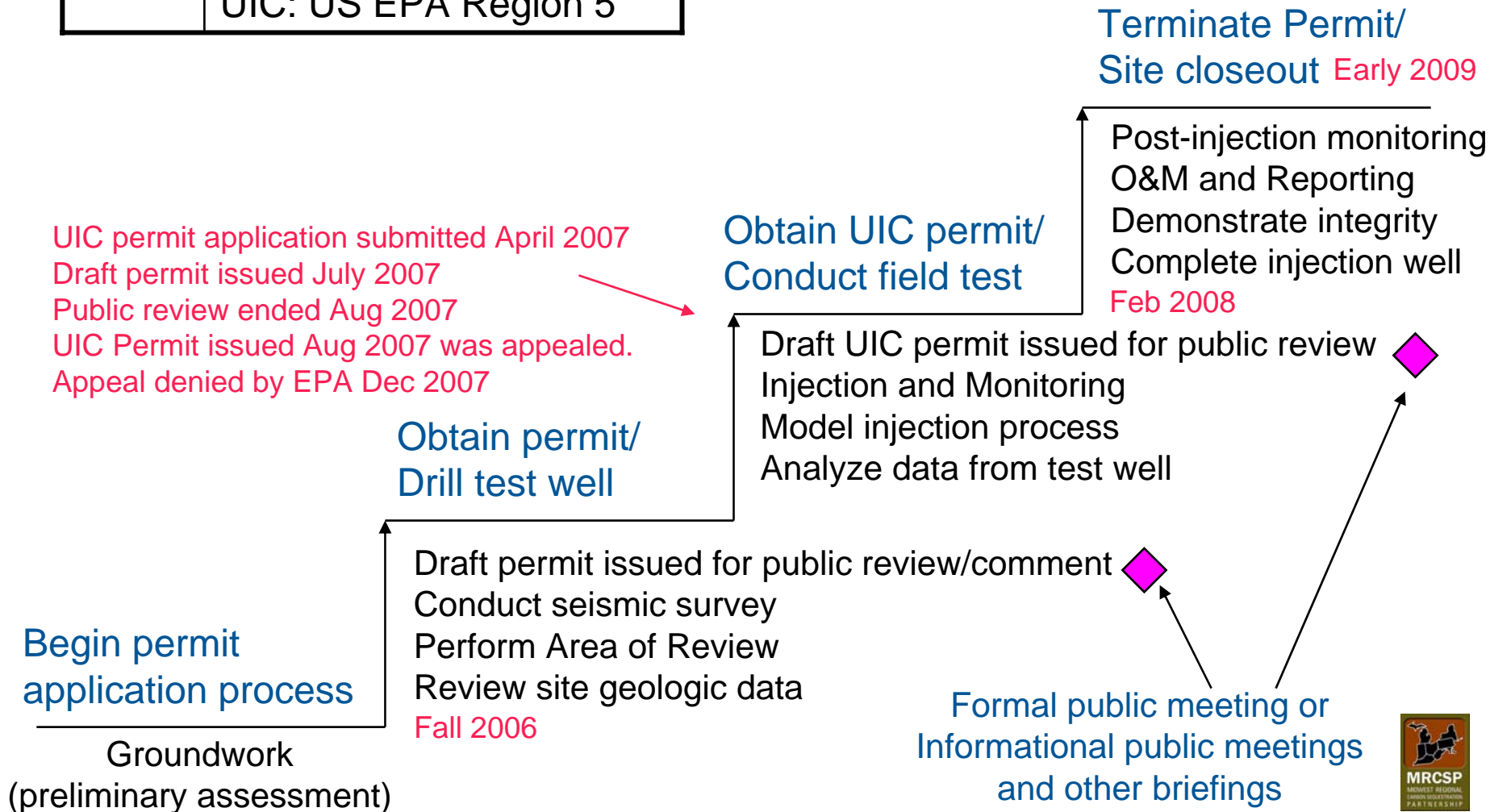
Formal public meeting or  
Informational public meetings  
and other briefings





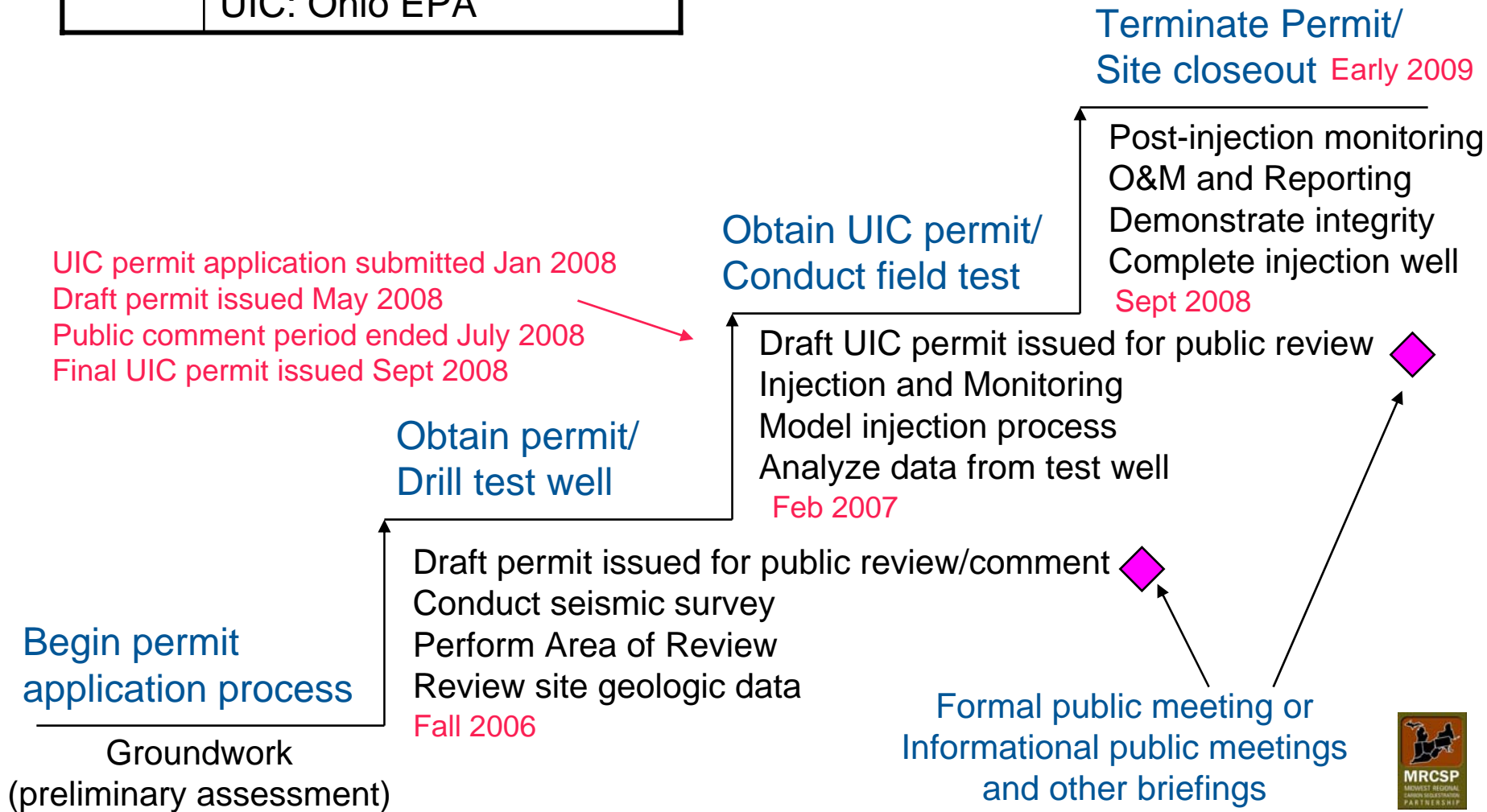
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State	Regulators
MI	Test well: MI DNR UIC: US EPA Region 5



# Key Regulatory Steps - Ohio

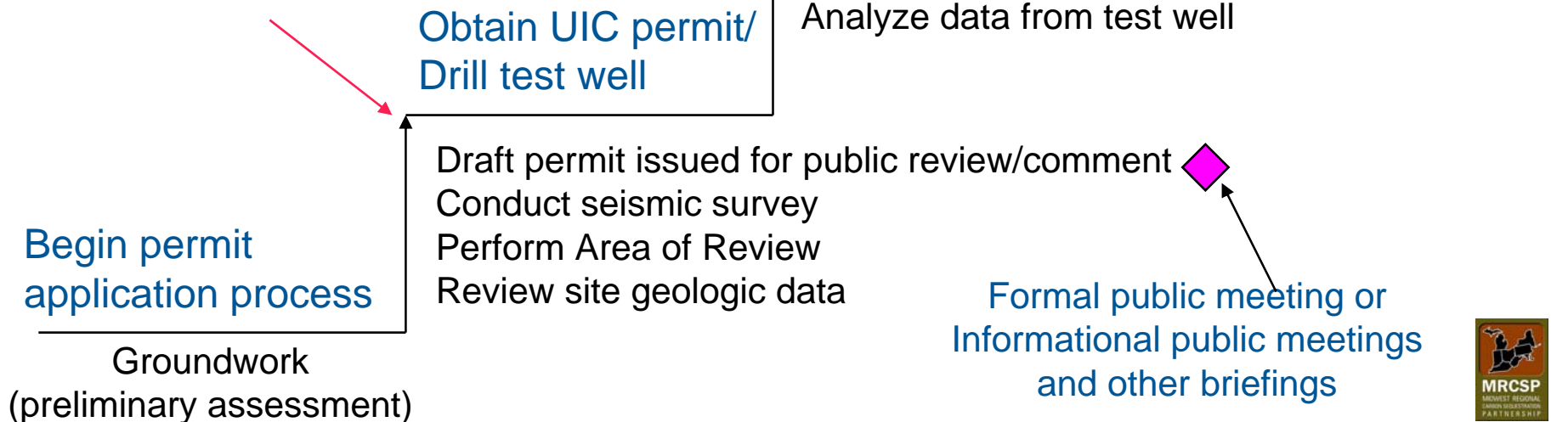
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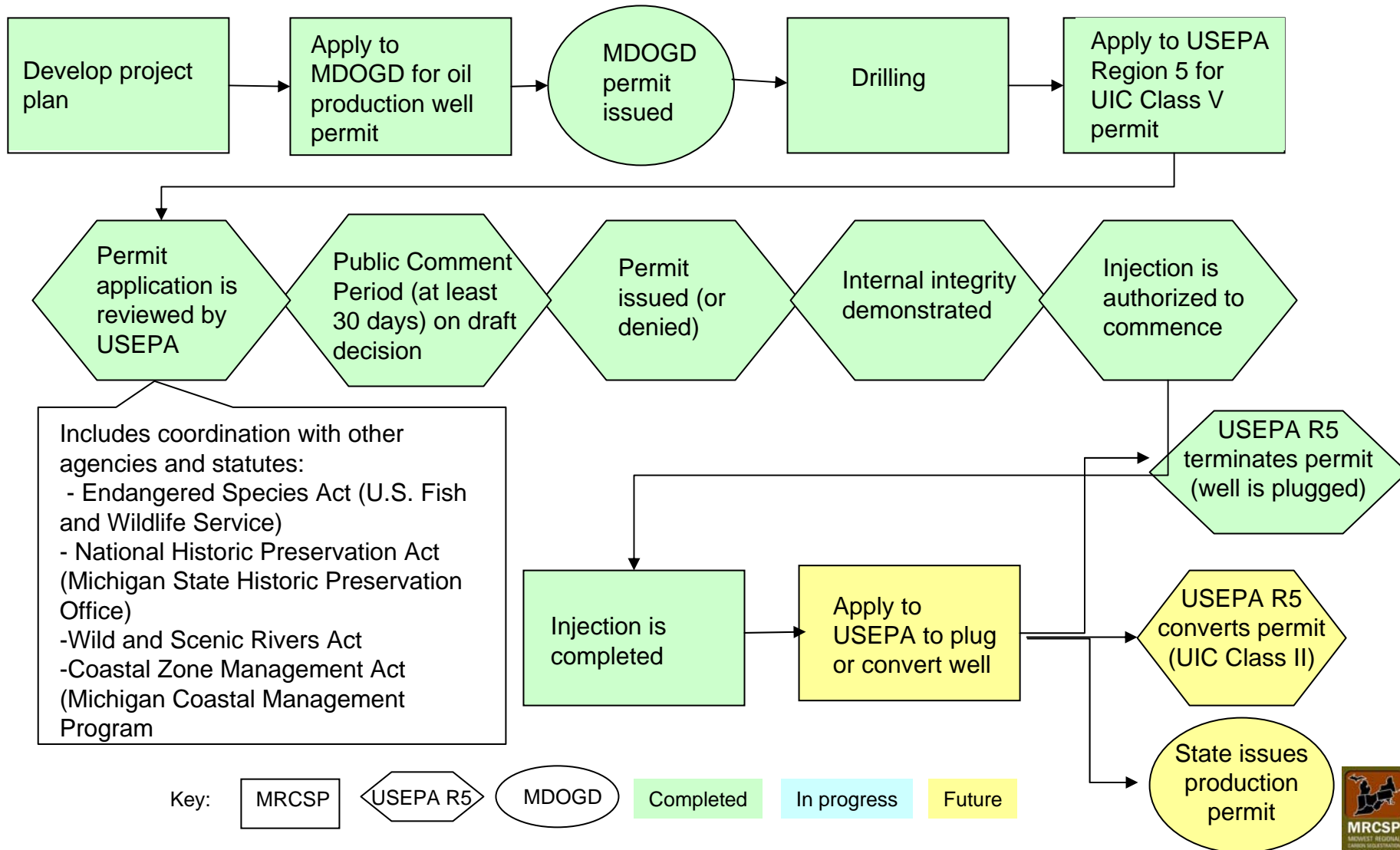
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KY	UIC: US EPA Region 4 (includes test well)

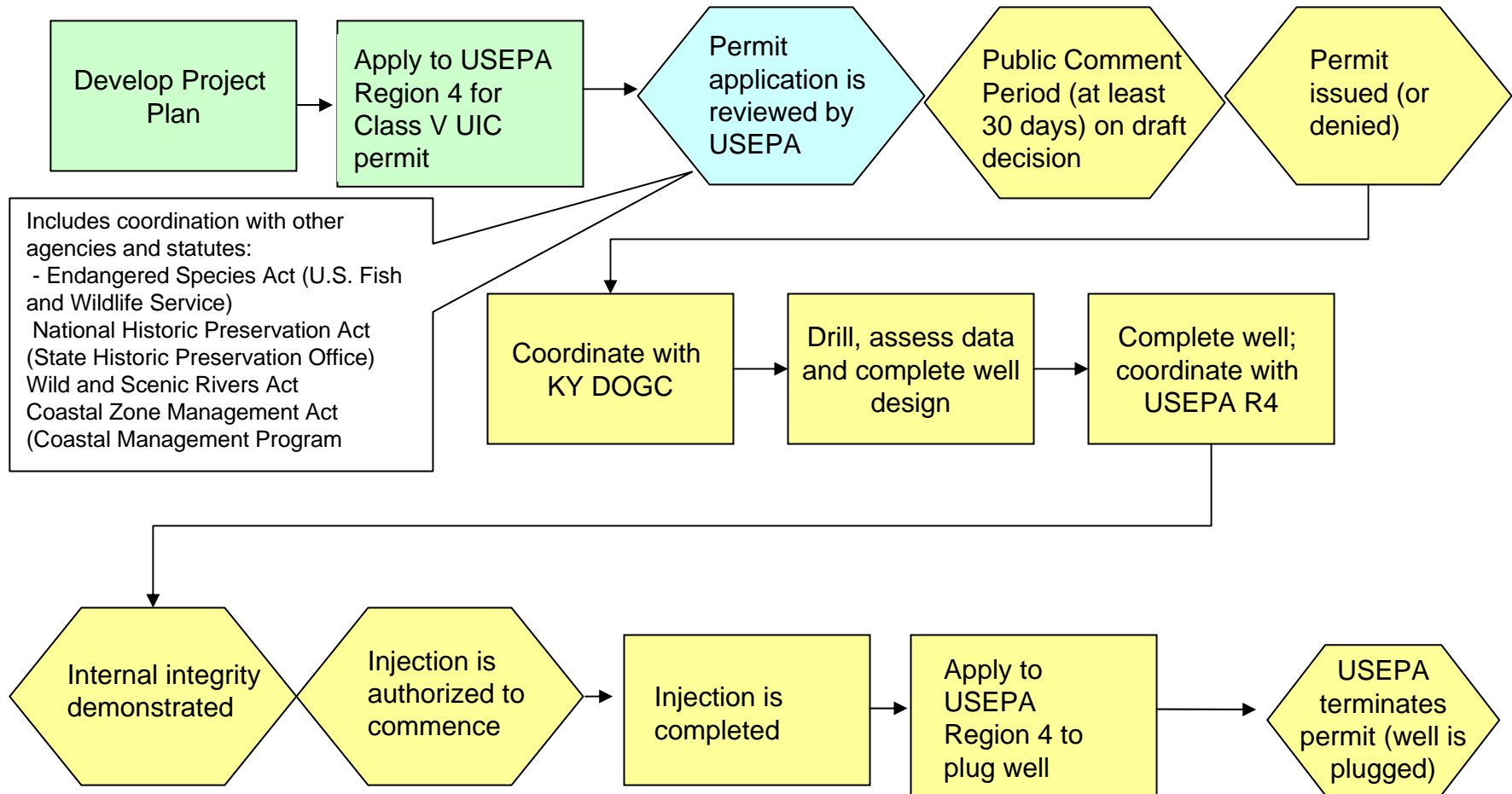
UIC permit application submitted May 2008  
 Comments received by EPA June 2008  
 Submitted response to comments August 2008  
 Awaiting draft permit/public comment period



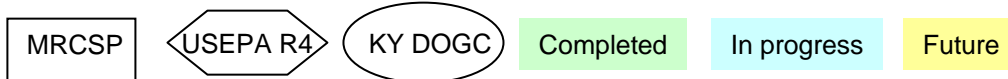
# Key Regulatory Steps In Michigan



# Key Regulatory Steps In Kentucky

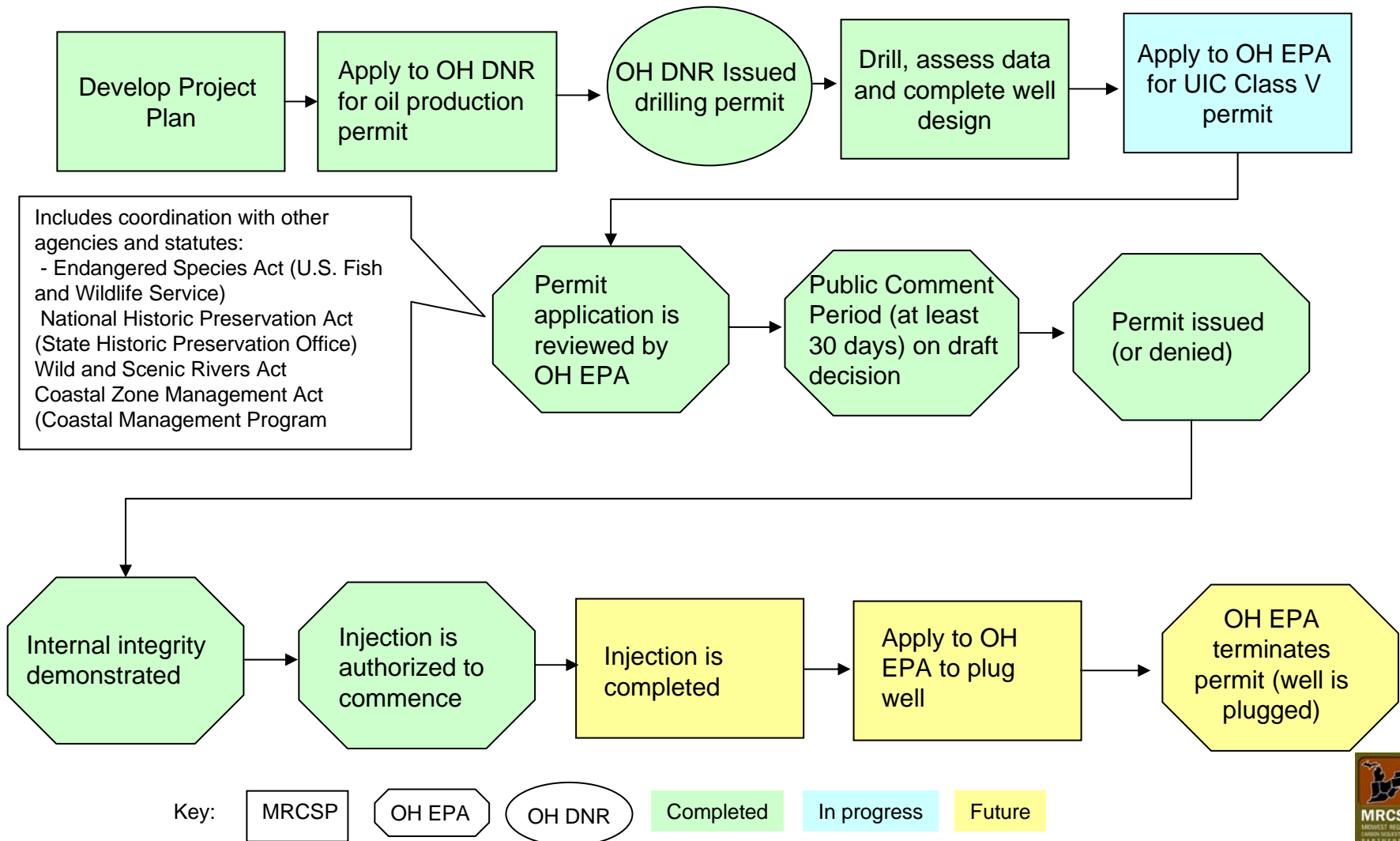


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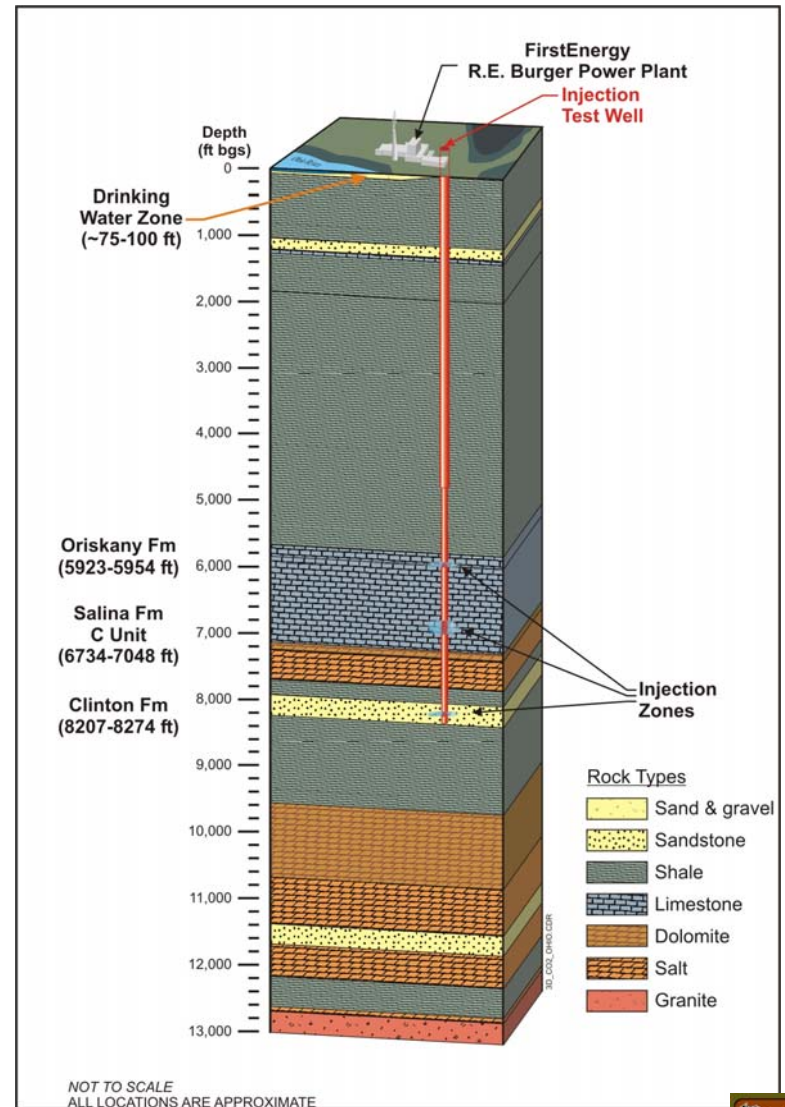


# Key Regulatory Steps in Ohio (R.E. Burger Pilot)



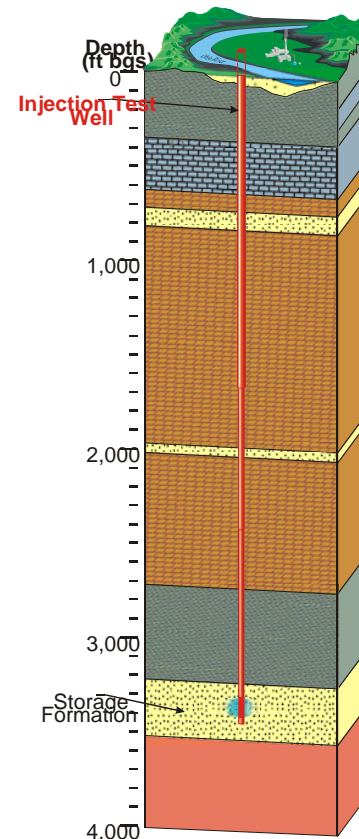
# Permitting - Appalachian Basin R.E. Burger Site

- Drilling permit prepared and approved by ODNR MRM Fall 2006.
- Test well drilled Jan-Feb 2007.
- UIC Class 5 permit application submitted to Ohio EPA UIC program January 17, 2008.
- Draft permit issued May 29, 2008.
- Public meeting June 24, 2008.
- Public notice June 21-July 21, 2008.
- Permit issued September 3, 2008.
- Field injection testing underway in October 2008.



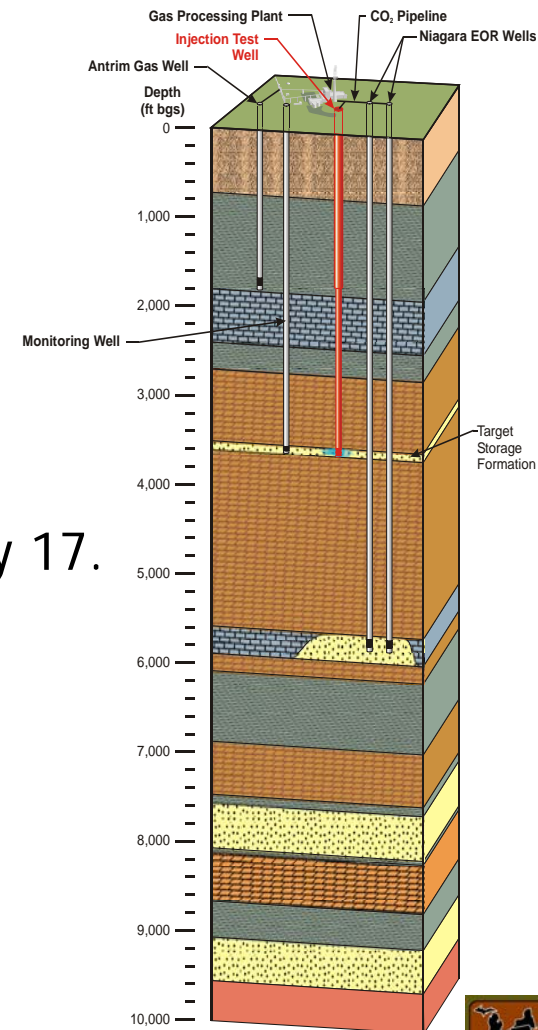
# Permitting - Cincinnati Arch East Bend Site

- Pursuing UIC Class 5 permit under Region 4 EPA (Atlanta) UIC program
- UIC Permit Application submitted May 1, 2008.
- Comments received on June 30, 2008.
- Response to comments sent August 4, 2008.
- Currently awaiting draft permit, public notice period.



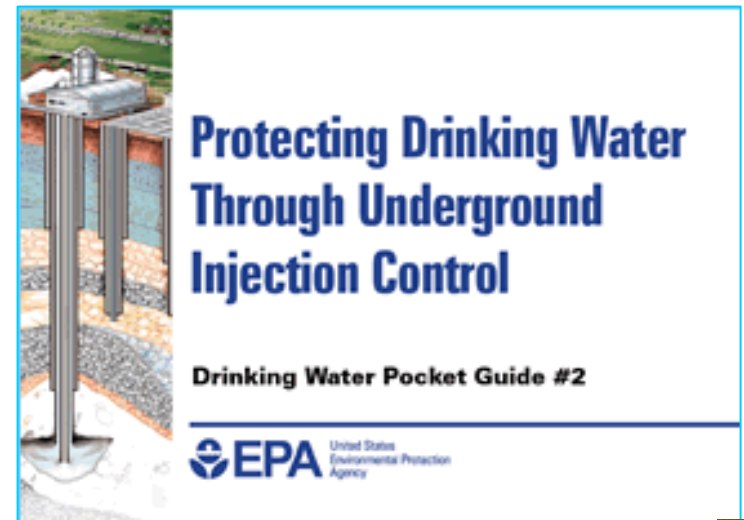
# Permitting - Michigan Basin Otsego County Site

- UIC Class 5 injection permit under Region 5 EPA (Chicago) UIC program
- Drilling permit obtained from MIDNR in Fall 2006.
- Test well drilled November 2006.
- UIC permit application submitted April 18, 2007.
- Comments were received May 2 and addressed May 17.
- Draft permit posted by Region 5 July 11 and public review period July 23-August 23, 2007.
- Revised permit posted August 22. Appeal filed September 23, 2007.
- Final Permit granted December 2007.



# UIC Permit Requirements

- Include items such as:
  - Area of review determination
  - Description of injection and confining intervals
  - Maximum injection pressure calculations
  - Well abandonment plans and bonding
  
- EPA UIC permitting requires technical review of the permit application.
  
- The process also allows a public comment period.



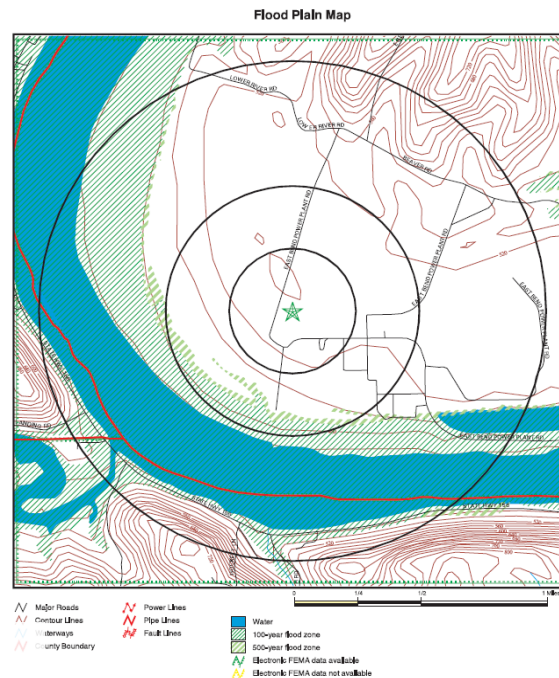


# Area of Review

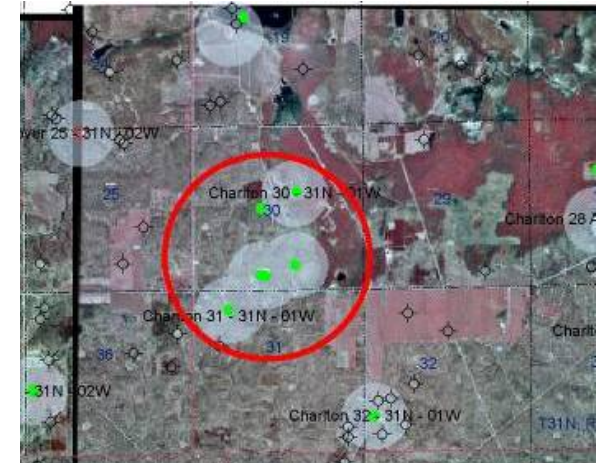
- All sites defaulted to the minimum ¼-mile AOR, even though CO<sub>2</sub> would not move more than a few hundred feet from the injection well.
- AOR generally determined with STOMP CO<sub>2</sub> modeling or analytical equations for CO<sub>2</sub> and pressure.
- Drinking water wells and abandoned oil and gas wells had to be identified for up to 1-mile radius.



Ex. historical aerial photo



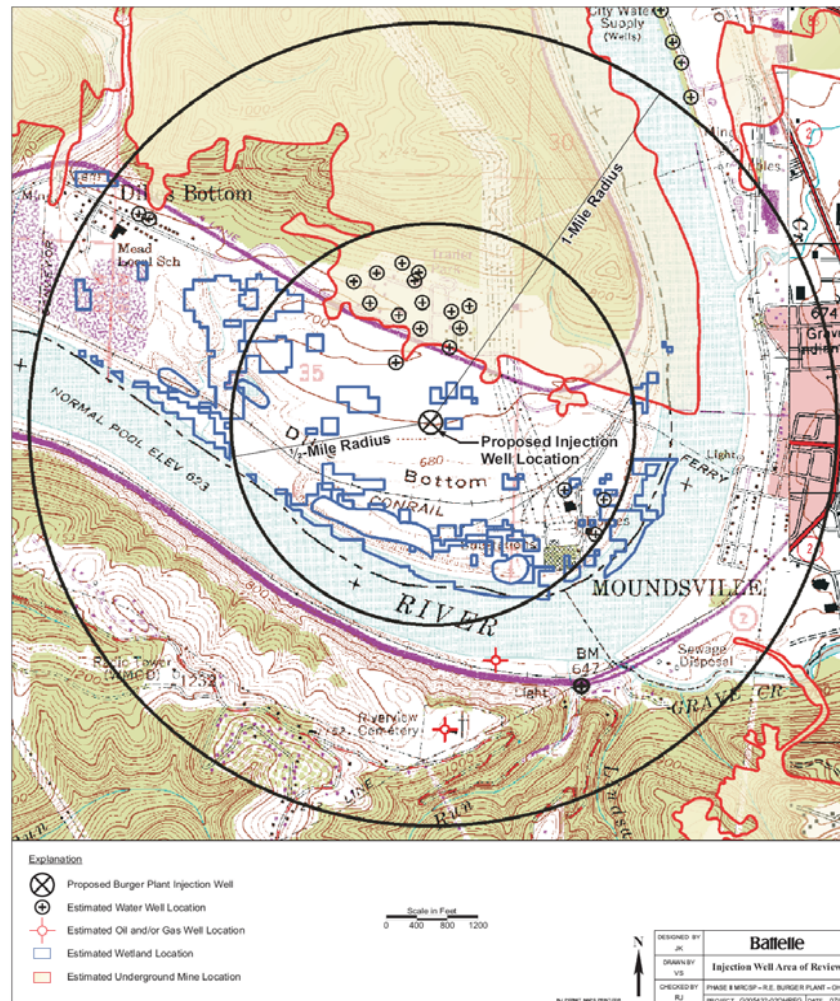
Ex. floodplain map.



**Ex. Abandoned wells in oil and gas fields may affect CO<sub>2</sub> storage projects.**

# Example- Area of Review Map

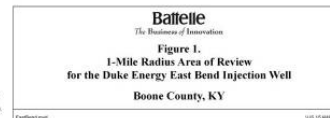
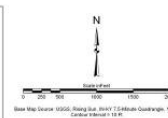
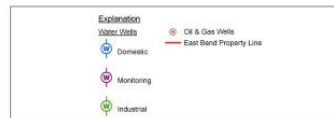
Area of Review- R.E. Burger Site  
Actual AOR is ¼ miles and falls entirely in Ohio





# Example 2 - Area of Review Map

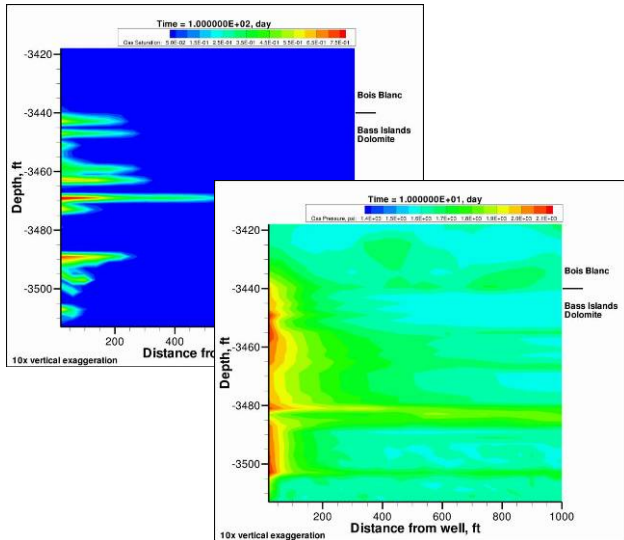
Area of Review Map- Cincinnati Arch East Bend Site  
Actual AOR is the Smallest Circle (1/4 mile) on this map



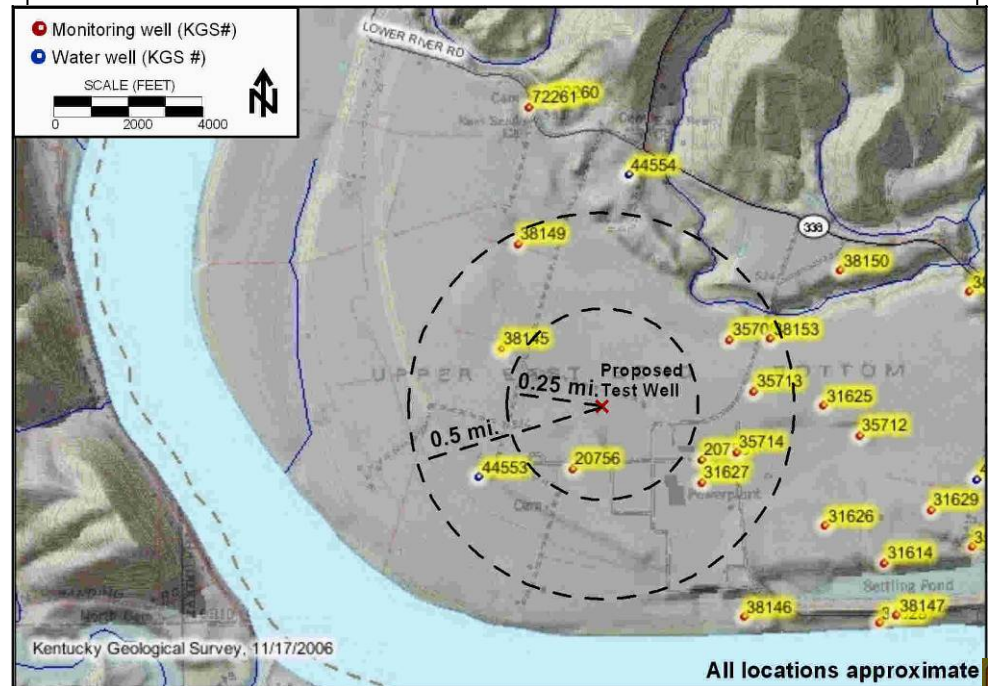
# Example- Attachment B Maps of Well Area of Review

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## STOMP CO<sub>2</sub> Simulations



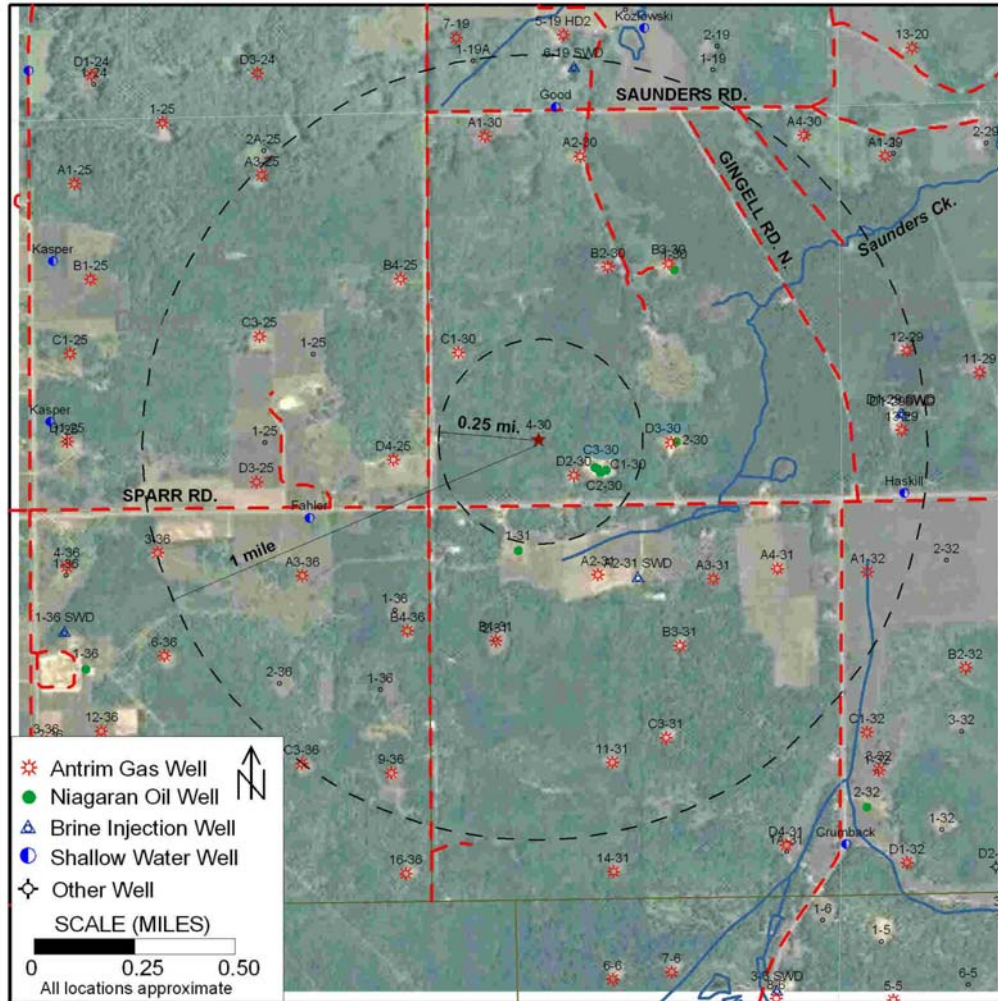
## Ex. Area of Review Map (East Bend)





# Example 3 - Area of Review Map

Area of Review Map- Michigan Basin Site

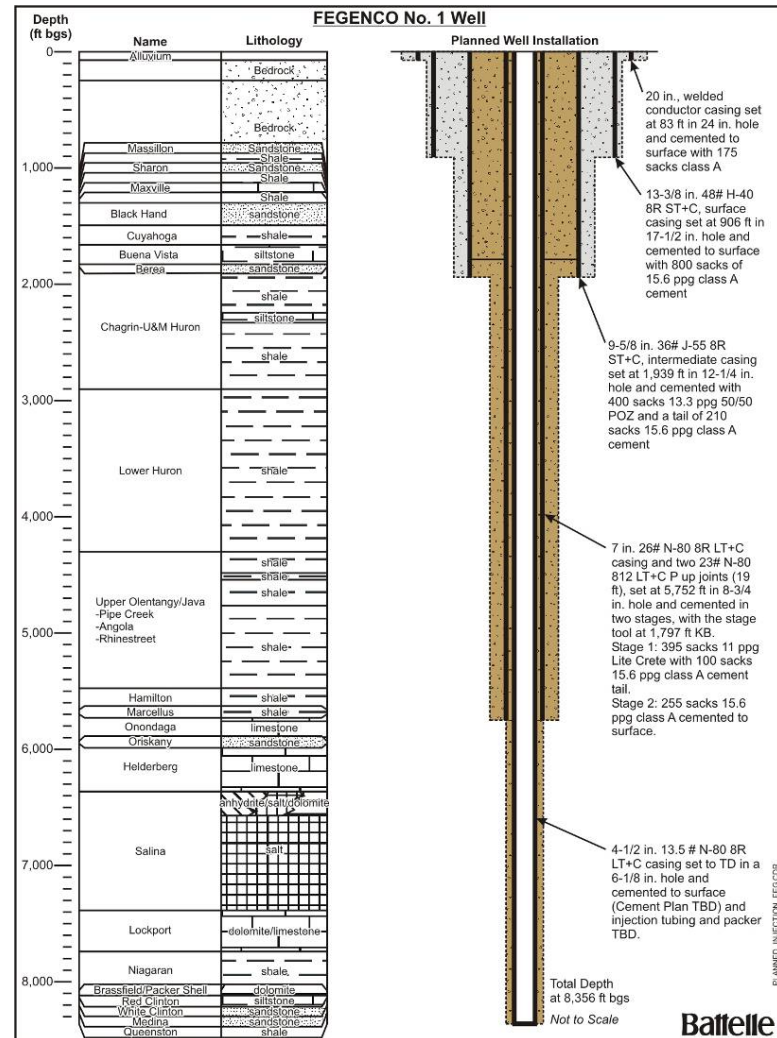




# Example- Attachment Well Construction Details

- Drilling records
- Well completion materials
  - Casing
  - Cement
  - Wellhead
- Well testing/logging records
  - Wireline logs
  - Cement Bond Logs
- Well completion plan
  - Packer
  - Perforations
  - Injection tubing


## Ex. Well Completion Diagram (R.E. Burger)



# Example- Attachment Operating Data

- Injectate characterization
- Injection rate
- Injection pressures
- Injection pressure limit

## Ex. Michigan Basin Site Gas Analysis



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Certificate of Analysis No. MI-0704014-01  
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DTE GAS & OIL  
1501 Cass Street, Suite B  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
ATTN: Ray Mitchell

DATE: 04/04/2007

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LOCATION: TURTLE LAKE CO2 PLANT      SAMPLE OF: GAS  
FIELD: TURTLE LAKE CO2 PLANT      SAMPLE DATE: 04/03/07  
SUBMITTED BY: (PG) SPL, INC.      DATE RECEIVED: 04/03/07  
CONDITIONS: 7 psia at 120 °F      SAMPLE POINT: CO2 VENT STACK

PARAMETER	ANALYTICAL DATA	GPM at 14.696 psia
Nitrogen	NIL	
Carbon Dioxide	99.892	
Methane	0.108	
Ethane	NIL	NIL
Propane	NIL	NIL
iso-Butane	NIL	NIL
n-Butane	NIL	NIL
iso-Pentane	NIL	NIL
n-Pentane	NIL	NIL
Hexane	NIL	NIL
Heptane Plus	NIL	NIL
	100.000	
Specific Gravity of real gas at 60°F (air = 1)		1.5267
Calculated B.T.U./cu. ft. @ 14.696 psia and 60 °F		
Dry basis . . . .	1	
Wet basis . . . .	1	
Z factor	0.9943	

ANALYZED BY: PG      DATE/TIME: 04/04/2007  
METHOD: GPA 2261-90, Gas Analysis thr. Heptane +

### Ex. R.E. Burger Max. Surf. Inj. Pressure (PSIG):

$$\text{Depth} \times [(\text{FG} - 0.433 \times (\text{S.G.} + \text{safety factor})) - 14.7]$$

Depth (depth at top of injection interval)

FG = fracture gradient = 0.75 psi/ft

S.G. (average specific gravity of CO2 in borehole) = 0.89

Safety factor = 0.05

14.7 = general friction factor

$$\text{Oriskany Interval} = 5923 \text{ ft} \times [(0.75 \text{ psi/ft} - 0.433 \times (0.89 + 0.05)) - 14.7 \text{ psi}] = 2,017 \text{ psi}$$

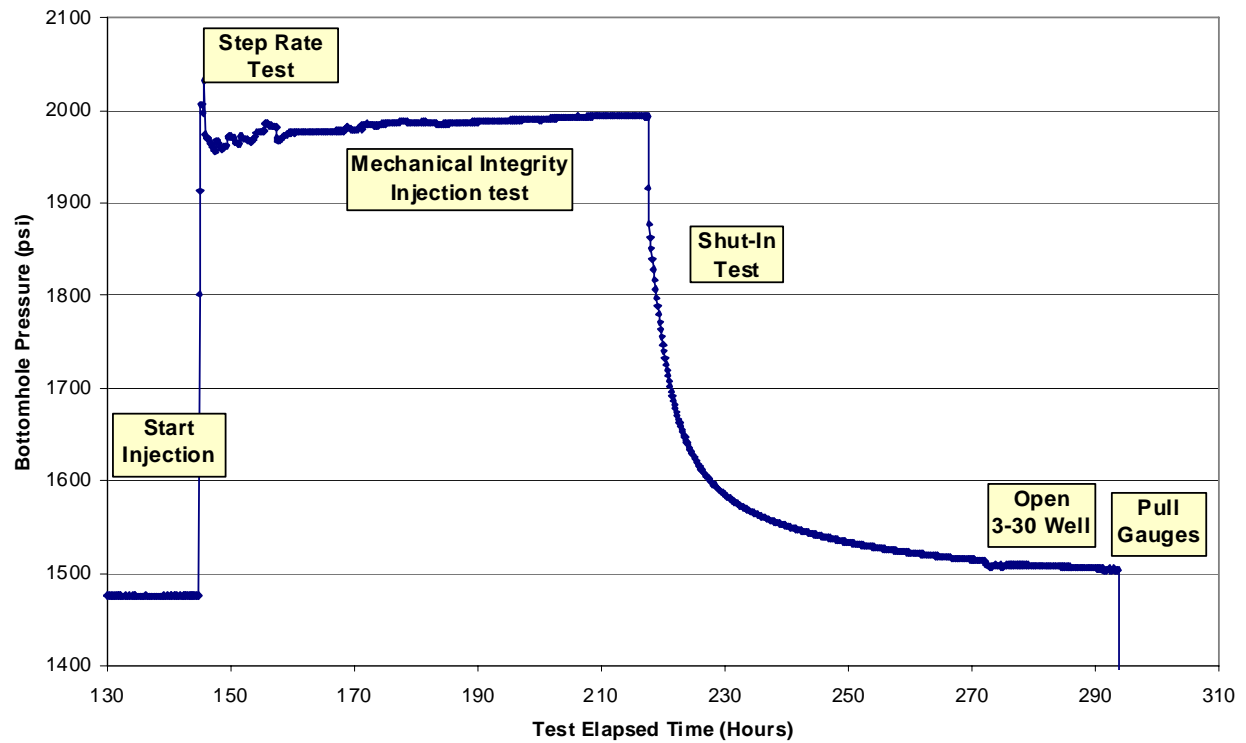
$$\text{Salina (C) Interval} = 6734 \text{ ft} \times [(0.75 \text{ psi/ft} - 0.433 \times (0.89 + 0.05)) - 14.7 \text{ psi}] = 2,295 \text{ psi}$$

$$\text{Clinton Interval} = 8207 \text{ ft} \times [(0.75 \text{ psi/ft} - 0.433 \times (0.89 + 0.05)) - 14.7 \text{ psi}] = 2,800 \text{ psi}$$

# CO<sub>2</sub> Mechanical Integrity Testing - Example from MRCSP MI Site

- Initial step-rate test and shut-in test completed with CO<sub>2</sub> prior to sustained injection as part of UIC mechanical integrity testing, February 7-13, 2008.
- Testing provides data on hydraulic behavior of the reservoir system.

State-Charlton 4-30 Mechanical Integrity Testing Sequence



## MRCSP Phase III UIC Guidance from Ohio EPA

- Safe Drinking Water Act
- US EPA determined that CO<sub>2</sub> disposal is regulated under the UIC program
- Applicable Ohio Law – Section 6111.043 to .047 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC)
- Applicable Ohio Rules – Chapter 3745-34 of the Ohio Administrative Code
- ***Ohio EPA has advised Battelle that a Class I – Non Hazardous UIC permit will be more applicable to Phase III test in Western Ohio***

# Ohio EPA Permit Application Process

## OAC 611.044

- Permit received and reviewed for completeness.
- Sent to Ohio DNR for review and comment.
- Deficiencies in the application sent to applicant and addressed.
- Draft action on application public noticed and a public hearing is held.
- Public comments addressed and final action issued.



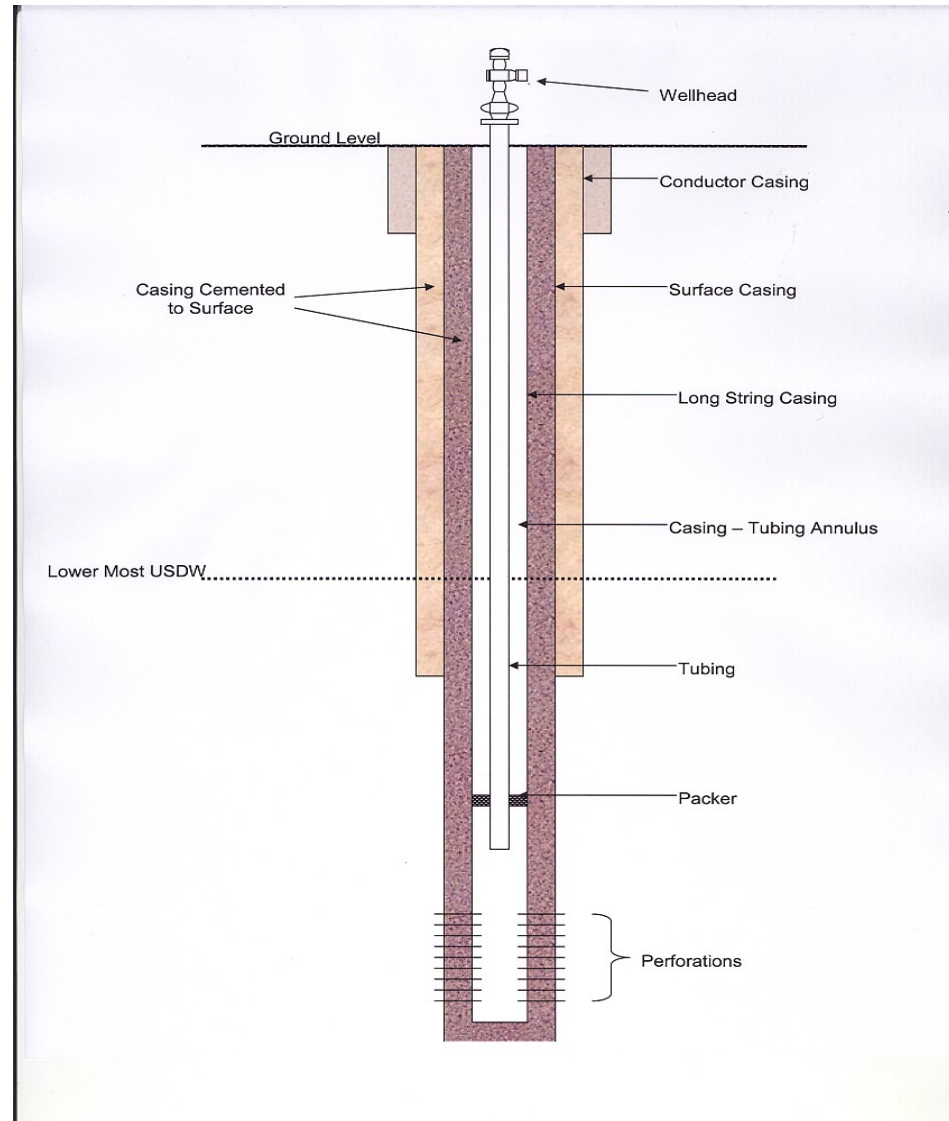
# Ohio EPA Permit to Drill Requirements

- Proposed well owner and operator, well location and substance to be injected
- Proposed depth and stratigraphy
- Plan for drilling, constructing the well as well as any testing that will need to be performed.
- Seismic survey results
- Plan for plugging and abandoning the well or borehole.
- Initial calculation of Area of Review (AOR) and identification of relevant well/penetrations in the AOR.

# Ohio EPA Permit to Operate Application Requirements

- As built well construction plans.
- Results of testing performed on the borehole and well – Cement bond log, mechanical integrity, etc.
- Plans for monitoring well performance, periodically testing the well for mechanical integrity and seismic monitoring if necessary.
- Plan for plugging and abandoning the well as well as financial assurance documents.
- Revised AOR designation, list of relevant boreholes and wells, and plan for remediation.

# Ohio EPA Well Construction Example



# Ohio EPA Testing Requirements

- Mechanical Integrity demonstrations:
  - Cement Bond Log
  - Annular Pressure Test
  - Temperature Log
  - Pressure falloff tests
- Monthly operating reports (amount and rate of injection, annulus pressure readings, etc.)
- Quarterly operating reports (seismic, ground water, etc.)

# Summary

- 3 MRCSP Phase II Tests are being conducted under Class V – CO<sub>2</sub> UIC process.
- Process has been generally similar to either Class II or Class I-NH permits, with some flexibility due to small injection size and R&D nature.
- Permitting process requires team effort, sustained attention, and communication with regulatory agencies. *Collaboration with host sites is critical for Compliance*
- Perception issues (vs. reality) seem biggest difficulty with public concerns.
- *Other observations may include:*
  - *Currently established permitting procedures have been useful for drilling and underground injection for MRCSP sites*
  - *Much of the environmental permitting involves basic tasks that would be completed with any large construction project. They also help out with other aspects of the project.*
  - *Monitoring program for MRCSP tests likely to exceed typical injection wells due to research objectives of the project.*
  - *We believe that the permitting experience with the tests is helping federal and state agencies in developing new regulations*





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