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| **Take Action!!!**Send a Public Comment to ODNR Chief Eric Vendel! |

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| DeepRock Disposal Solutions LLC is gearing up to receive oil and gas waste brine to their storage facility on the Ohio River, near Marietta Ohio by barge and rail. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) is holding a public comment period ending **Feb.14th**and this rubber stamp agency needs to hear from you!  **According to the public notice published in the Marietta Times on Jan 30, 2025, the American Growers #4 well, located at Section 4 Warren Township, Washington County, is expected to accept 3,000 barrels of waste per day.**A June 11th, 2024 ODNR Inspection Report for the existing American Growers Well #1 states: *"On the day of my inspection, I was on site for a review of the location of a proposed rail unloading area. A rail spur is proposed to be constructed between the existing railway and State Route 7. The unloading area is to be located near the vault previously installed for the barge unloading line and is planned to tie into the same line. Four existing storage tanks are proposed to be dedicated to the new unloading system. Well pressures were verified during my inspection. Active injection was occurring on this well. Continuous monitoring and identification were in place."* **If you’re concerned about the impacts of this well,****submit a comment****to ODNR today and demand a public hearing!** Below is a sample comment that you can use to write to the Chief of the Division of ODNR Oil and Gas and some talking points that you can use to write your own comment. Most importantly, be sure to urge ODNR to extend the public comment period and to hold a public hearing! Email your comments to eric.vendel@dnr.state.oh.us by the Feb. 14, 2025 deadline! ***Dear Chief Vendel,*** ***I strongly oppose the permitting of another Class II injection well in Washington County! The facts revealed on this application of  DeepRock Disposal Solutions LLC proposal to drill another injection well to receive millions of gallons more of toxic radioactive waste that is dangerous to our communities, is beyond comprehension. This injection well will be part of their plan to accept waste by rail and by river barge to store in two 25,000bbl tanks on the Ohio River. That amount of waste held in those two storage tanks can be as much as 2,200,000 gallons of toxic radioactive waste! The toxic radioactive waste will be pumped to the injection wells by pipeline that is already built under State Route 7.*** ***This public comment period was poorly advertised and there is no information about it on ODNR’s website. It is critical that the public be notified and have the opportunity to weigh in before this permit is issued.  I urge you to extend the public comment period and to hold a public hearing in Washington County on this matter to allow local residents to voice their concerns.*** |

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| **Talking Points:** |

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| * Washington County has 18 SWIW Class II Wells–*more than any other county in Ohio.*
* Oil and gas brine waste contains hundreds of toxic and hazardous chemicals such as benzene, toluene, arsenic, cadmium and of great concern cancer causing radium 226 and 228.
* ODNR has documented evidence of groundwater contamination from injection wells sites in our region.
* Earthquakes caused by injection wells have been documented over the years and injection wells require constant monitoring. In spite of that, earthquakes occur like the one near Reno, in Washington County on January 28, 2025.
* Four injection wells in nearby Athens County were recently ordered suspended in 2024 and are now being decommissioned. One well in Athens County has to be plugged by the state at taxpayers’ expense.
* Oil and gas injection wells inject millions of gallons of toxic radioactive brine waste into the earth under tremendous pressure. This threatens our drinking water supplies.
* · ODNR did only one study of the geologic problems of the area after the Redbird #4 injection well in Washington County migrated brine out of its so-called injection zone, ruining 28 oil and gas production wells that provided heat to many residents in January of 2019. The report saidthe contamination was caused by the injection wells. ODNR does NOT do ongoing drinking water studies. Brine can migrate even when injection operations have stopped.
* There is an identical application sitting in waiting for permit approval by ODNR for the Deeprock  American Growers Well #3. It will be next and we we must not allow ODNR to blindly rubber stamp these applications!
* ODNR’s attempt at outreach for this comment period is shamefully inadequate. A notice appeared in the print edition of the Marietta Times, but does not come up in a search of the online paper.. No information about this comment period is available on ODNR’s website and nothing comes up in a web search. This is unacceptable and ODNR must do a better job engaging the public! ODNR should extend the public comment period and hold a public hearing in Washington County. The agency must do better public outreach to allow the people to voice their concerns and get answers to the questions that we have.
* DeepRock Disposal Solutions has a bad track record and ODNR has done a poor job protecting Ohioans from their pollution! DeepRock’s’ Class II injection wells have a history of migrating oil and gas brine into production wells. Two injection wells in Noble County owned by DeepRock and Senator Brian Chavez were ordered to cease operations by ODNR in January 2023. *The two wells leaked brine for 12 years before ODNR ordered DeepRock to suspend operations!*The migration of brine from these wells caused a production well to blow out causing toxic radioactive waste to be dumped into a nearby creek killing thousands of fish and costing the taxpayers$1.3 million to clean up. Deeprock paid*nothing*!
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| It's up to us to hold ODNR accountable to protect our communities from toxic radioactive waste! Please take action today and share this alert with your friends! |

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| [**Donate to support our work**](https://click.everyaction.com/k/101566833/526388626/1411488501?nvep=ew0KICAiVGVuYW50VXJpIjogIm5ncHZhbjovL3Zhbi9FQS9FQTAxNi8xLzEwNjUzNSIsDQogICJEaXN0cmlidXRpb25VbmlxdWVJZCI6ICI1ZmZiOWYzMC02N2UzLWVmMTEtODhmOC0wMDIyNDgyYTk3ZTkiLA0KICAiRW1haWxBZGRyZXNzIjogInJveGFubmVncm9mZjEyMjdAZ21haWwuY29tIg0KfQ%3D%3D&hmac=_peYZsTqxA3nj3IXQPsz4ZOr1Rssw_MC-54xr7v6vwU=&emci=4d92b6bf-61e2-ef11-88f8-0022482a97e9&emdi=5ffb9f30-67e3-ef11-88f8-0022482a97e9&ceid=14725263) |

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