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## **Permit Requirements for Underground Injection Removed for Some Small Businesses**

Small corner stores and gas stations that inject water softener waste into an on-site leach field/septic system will no longer be required to obtain a permit from Ohio EPA if they follow new rule requirements for underground injection control.

“This is just one example where Ohio EPA is creating a more favorable business climate without sacrificing environmental quality,” said Ohio EPA Director Scott Nally.

About 365 facilities will be affected by the new business-friendly rule provision that releases them from a requirement to obtain a Class V underground injection control permit if they inject less than 2,500 gallons of water softener wastewater per month.

A Class V permit regulates injection of non-hazardous fluids underground. Examples include surface water runoff drainage wells, septic systems, dry wells or motor vehicle waste disposal wells. Most are low-tech, employing gravity flow methods directly below the land surface. The change is being made after further study showed the dilution of the wastewater from water treatment is likely to reduce the total dissolved solids sufficiently to prevent unacceptable ground water impacts.

The new rule eliminates the \$2,000 permitting fee for these businesses if they fall under the exemption from obtaining the Class V permit. The fee is required every five years when a permit is renewed. Facilities also avoid requirements to report monthly on the amount injected and analysis of the injectate.

The [updated rules](#) are available online.