

Class 1 Disposal Well Safety

- The United States Government has found Class I wells are safer than virtually all other waste disposal practices
- Protection of drinking and irrigation water is the primary concern in the construction, operation and regulatory oversight of such wells
- Deep well technology has been proven through wide use for more than 50 years
- There has never been an instance of surface or drinking water contamination due to operation of a Class I disposal well that was sited, constructed and operated according to current U.S. EPA standards
- In the U.S., Class I industrial deep wells are built to stricter standards and operated under significantly tighter regulation and oversight than oil- and gas-related disposal wells. Such oilfield wells have been used throughout the country during the past century to protect the environment from the surface disposal of produced oil- and gas-related brines