

Texas Salt Dome Disposal Rules
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Introduction

Two separate salt disposal projects have been submitted to the Texas Water Commission since 1983 for consideration. The first project, which was permitted first in 1987 then again in 1988, was by United Resource Recovery Inc. (URR). The second project is now pending before the Texas Water Commission by Hunter Industrial Facilities Inc. (HIFI) and a decision is expected in January 1993. Both projects were controversial and contested. The Texas legislature, in the last session (1991) at the request of Governor Ann Richards, passed a moratorium bill (SB1099) which required the Texas Water Commission to promulgate special rules for the disposal of waste in solution mined cavities in salt deposits. This paper summarizes the rules for waste disposal in salt caverns.