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PUBLIC NOTICE of UNDERGROUND INJECTION WELL PERMITTING

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby gives notice of intent to renew an Underground Injection Control (UIC) well permit held by Cabot Corporation of Tuscola, Illinois. The facility's mailing address is 700 East U.S. Highway 36, Tuscola, IL 61953. If renewed, the UIC permit will allow Cabot to continue to inject waste hydrochloric acid and other liquid wastes via two UIC wells into limestone and sandstone formations deep underground beneath the facility. These formations are overlain by a 330 foot thick confining layer of bedrock which minimizes the potential for the injected liquids to migrate upward.

Interested citizens are invited to review the permit renewal application, the draft UIC permit and a related fact sheet at the following location:

Tuscola Public Library
112 East Sale
Tuscola, IL 61953-1496

Interested citizens may submit written comments on the draft UIC permit during the 30-day comment period. Send all comments to the Public Involvement Coordinator listed at the end of this Notice postmarked by midnight **November 18, 2011**. In response to public requests or at the discretion of Illinois EPA, a public hearing can be held to clarify one or more issues concerning the draft permit. A request for a public hearing must be made in writing and must state the nature of the issue(s) to be raised at the hearing. Written requests should be sent to the Public Involvement Coordinator listed below. Public notice will be issued at least 45 days before any hearing.

All comments submitted will become part of the Administrative Record and will be evaluated by Illinois EPA in making the final permit decision. The Agency will respond to comments on the draft permit decision and indicate whether additional documents have been included in the Administrative Record. Anyone who submits written comments will be notified of the final permit decision and the permit decision appeal process.

The Safe Drinking Water Act of 1976 established the federal UIC program in order to protect groundwater resources. UIC program requirements were designed to prevent contamination of underground sources of drinking water. The Illinois EPA is authorized to administer the UIC program in Illinois.

The permit application, draft permit decision, related information and all data submitted by the

applicant, as part of the Administrative Record, are now available for public inspection Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment only. Please contact:

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