**Section 704.188 Plugging and Abandonment**

Any permit must include a requirement that, after a cessation of operations of two years, the owner or operator must plug and abandon the well in accordance with the plan unless it does the following:

a) It provides notice to the Agency; and

b) It describes actions or procedures satisfactory to the Agency that the owner or operator will take to ensure that the well will not endanger USDWs during the period of temporary abandonment. These actions and procedures must include compliance with the technical requirements applicable to active injection wells, unless waived by the Agency.

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