

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 837

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to clarify the definition of the term “underground injection”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 18, 2005

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. HYDRAULIC FRACTURING.**

4 Section 1421(d) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300h(d)) is amended by striking paragraph (1) and
6 inserting the following:

7 “(1) DEFINITION OF UNDERGROUND INJEC-
8 TION.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘under-
2 ground injection’ means the subsurface em-
3 placement of fluids by well injection.

4 “(B) EXCLUSION.—The term ‘under-
5 ground injection’ does not include—

6 “(i) the underground injection of nat-
7 ural gas for purposes of storage; or

8 “(ii) the underground injection of
9 fluids or propping agents pursuant to hy-
10 draulic fracturing operations relating to oil
11 or gas production activities.”.

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