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ORDER BY THE CHIEF

March 6, 2014

ORDER NO. 2014-54

TO: Warren Drilling, Inc.
P.O. Box 103-305
Dexter City, Ohio 45727

RE: Warren Drilling Facility

SUBJECT: Temporary Authorization to Operate Facility Pursuant to R.C. 1509.22

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1509.22, the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (“Chief” or “Division”) issues the following Order:

BACKGROUND:

- (1) Warren Drilling, Inc. operates the Warren Drilling Facility located on the corner of State Route 339 and State Route 821 in Jackson Township, Noble County, Ohio (“Warren Drilling Facility”). The Warren Drilling Facility is a brine storage facility that receives brine, stores it, and then dispatches the brine for reuse at horizontal well sites.
- (2) Division (B)(2)(a) of R.C. 1509.22 states, in pertinent part, that “On and after January 1, 2014, no person shall store, recycle, treat, process, or dispose of in this state brine or other waste substances associated with the exploration, development, well stimulation, production operations, or plugging of oil and gas resources without an order or a permit issued under this section or section 1509.06 or 1509.21 of the Revised Code or rules adopted under any of those sections.”
- (3) On January 31, 2014, the Division received an application from Warren Drilling, Inc. requesting to operate the Warren Drilling Facility. In its application, Warren Drilling, Inc. supplied the Division with information and details regarding its operations.


ORDER:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Warren Drilling, Inc. has temporary approval to operate the Warren Drilling Facility in the State of Ohio, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Warren Drilling, Inc. shall conduct all operations in compliance with R.C. Chapter 1509 and Ohio Adm.Code 1501:9.
- (2) Brine shall not be disposed of in a manner not specified in R.C. 1509.22(C)(1)(a) through R.C. 1509.22(C)(1)(c). Disposal of brine pursuant to R.C. 1509.22(C)(1)(d) requires separate written approval by the Chief.
- (3) This Chief's Order shall terminate upon any of the following, whichever occurs first:
 - a) The Division issues a permit to Warren Drilling, Inc. for the Warren Drilling Facility pursuant to rules promulgated under to R.C. 1509.22(C);
 - b) The Division denies a permit to Warren Drilling, Inc. for the Warren Drilling Facility pursuant to rules promulgated under R.C. 1509.22(C); or
 - c) Six months after the effective date of rules adopted under R.C. 1509.22(C).

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Date


Richard J. Simmers, Chief
Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management

Addressee is hereby notified that this action is final and effective and may be appealed pursuant to Section 1509.36 of the Ohio Revised Code. If the Order is appealed to the Ohio Oil and Gas Commission, the appeal must be in writing and must set forth the Orders complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. Such appeal must be filed with the Oil and Gas Commission, 2045 Morse Road, Building H-3, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693, within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Order.

In addition, within three (3) days after the appeal is filed with the Oil and Gas Commission, notice of the filing must be submitted to Richard J. Simmers, Chief, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 2045 Morse Road, Building F, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693.

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