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ORDER BY THE CHIEF

August 10, 2015

ORDER NO. 2015-390

**TO: Environmental Management Specialists Inc.
4601 Homer Ohio Lane
Groveport, OH 43125**

**RE: EMS Facility
Muskingum County, Falls Township**

SUBJECT: Cease Storage Operations

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 1509.03(D) and 1509.22, the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (“Chief” or “Division”) issues the following Order:

BACKGROUND:

- (1) Environmental Management Specialists Inc. (“EMS”) conducts storage and processing operations at the EMS Facility in Muskingum County, located at 2055 Grief Road, Zanesville, Ohio 43702 (“EMS Facility”).
- (2) Division (B)(2)(a) of R.C. 1509.22 states, in pertinent part, that “[o]n 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) The Division received information on August 5, 2015 that EMS was storing and processing used tracer sands, brine, and other oilfield waste substances in vacuum boxes.
- (4) On August 7, 2015, Division staff visited the EMS Facility. Upon inspection, the Division determined that EMS was storing used tracer sands, brine, and other oilfield waste substances in vacuum boxes at the EMS Facility.

- (5) As of the date of this Chief's Order, EMS has not received a permit or order from the Division to store, recycle, treat or process brine or other oilfield waste substances at the EMS Facility.

FINDINGS:

The Chief finds that EMS is recycling brine or other waste substances associated with the exploration, development, well stimulation, production operations, or plugging of oil and gas resources at the EMS Facility without an order or permit in violation of R.C. 1509.22(B)(2)(a).

ORDER:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- (1) EMS shall cease all operations at the EMS Facility and remove all brine and other waste substances from the EMS Facility within fourteen (14) days of receipt of this Chief's Order.
- (2) EMS shall provide all manifests and documents related to the transportation and disposition of the brine and other oilfield waste substances from the EMS Facility upon request of the Division.
- (3) EMS shall remediate any contamination, as necessary, at the EMS Facility and shall restore the site to its previous condition.
- (4) EMS shall not store, recycle, treat, or process brine, or other waste substances associated with the exploration, development, well stimulation, production operations, or plugging of oil and gas resources at the EMS Facility unless and until EMS receives a Chief's Order from the Division authorizing the storage, recycling, treating, or processing of brine or other waste substances.

8.10.15
Date

Richard Simmers
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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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