

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF APC & EC RULE 1)
“PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY OIL)
FIELD WASTE”) **DOCKET NO. 24-002-R**

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE
OF THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (“Commission”) is vested with general authority to make and amend rules in Ark. Code Ann. § 8-01-203(b)(1)(A) and is vested with specific authority to amend this rule in Ark. Code Ann. Sec. 8-4-202(a) and (b).

The purpose of the revisions to Rule 1 is to eliminate an area of regulatory overlap and create more government efficiency in permitting and regulating Class II disposal wells. The amendment will allow the Oil and Gas Commission (“OGC”) to permit and regulate both the Class II wells and the necessary surface facilities. This will allow the operators of these facilities to obtain permits from one government agency and allow the industry to rely upon the regulatory scheme of only the OGC. The rule amendments will ultimately save the State of Arkansas resources through greater regulatory efficiency.

The amendments to Rule 1 are necessary to serve the public interest and ensure compliance with state law.

EXHIBIT A

Respectfully Submitted,

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