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ORDER BY THE CHIEF

August 26, 2024

ORDER NO. 2024-422

TO: EAP Ohio, LLC
5847 San Felipe, Suite 400
Houston, Texas 77057

RE: Order for Unit Operations of the Utica/Point Pleasant Formations
Fairgrounds 2 Unit
Guernsey County, Ohio

SUBJECT: Revocation of Chief's Order No. 2023-177 for Unit Operations of the Utica/Point Pleasant Formations for the Fairgrounds 2 Unit

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1509.03 and 1509.28, the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management ("Chief" or "Division") makes the following Findings and issues the following Order:

BACKGROUND:

1) On August 31, 2023, the Division issued to Ironhead Operating, LLC ("Ironhead") Chief's Order No. 2023-177, which created a plan for and authorized unit operations of a 911.686 acre unit in Wills Township, Guernsey County, Ohio, known as the "Fairgrounds 2 Unit." A copy of Chief's Order No. 2023-177 can be found on the Division's website at: https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/oil-gas/oil-gas-resources/chiefs-orders

2) Order Paragraph (8) of Chief's Order No. 2023-177 states, in pertinent part, that: "The Fairgrounds 2 Unit may be terminated if working interest owners owning at least 51% of the working interest in the unit area determine that the unit operations are no longer warranted. If the unit operations are so terminated, Ironhead shall provide written notice of the termination to the Division and to all unleased mineral owners."

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3) The Division's records reflect a transfer of Chief's Order No. 2023-177 from Ironhead to EAP Ohio, LLC ("EAP"), as of March 15, 2024.

4) On August 23, 2024, EAP submitted to the Division written notification that EAP determined that "unit operations are no longer warranted and further, EAP no longer desires to operator the Fairgrounds 2 Unit." Pursuant to paragraph (8) of Chief's Order No. 2023-177, EAP has requested that Chief's Order No. 2023-177 be terminated.

FINDINGS:

(1) The Chief finds that EAP terminated Chief's Order No. 2023-177 in accordance with Order Paragraph (8) of Chief's Order No. 2023-177.

(2) Not later than 60 days from receipt of this order, EAP shall file a copy of this order with the Guernsey County (Ohio) Recorder's Office, in the records of each of the tracts that were subject to and referenced in Exhibit B of Chief's Order No. 2023-177. Ironhead shall submit a certification of filing to the Division within 14 days of filing.

ORDERS:

Chief's Order No. 2023-177 is revoked.

August 26, 2024
Date

Jennifer Barrett for Chief Vendel
Eric Vendel, 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 E-1, Office 103, Columbus, Ohio 43229-6693, within 30 days after the date upon which the person to whom the Order was issued received the order and, for all other persons adversely affected by the order, within 30 days after the date of the Order.

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