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ORDER BY THE CHIEF

January 3, 2014

ORDER NO. 2014-01

TO:

4K Industrial Park, LLC

1001 Main Street

Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935

RE:

4K Industrial Park 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) 4K Industrial Park, LLC proposes to operate a brine water recycling and treatment facility in Martins Ferry, Belmont County, Ohio ("4K Martins Ferry Facility"). The 4K Martins Ferry Facility will utilize the waste treatment resources of the former RG Steel Martins Ferry Ohio Operation for use in recycling and treating hydraulic frac waters and drilling fluids. Treatment will be performed on site, and the water will be recycled back to drilling companies for reuse.
- (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 December 23, 2013, 4K Industrial Park, LLC submitted to the Division an application requesting to operate the 4K Martins Ferry Facility. In its application, 4K Industrial Park, LLC supplied the Division with information and details regarding its operations.

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ORDER:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

4K Industrial Park, LLC has temporary approval to operate the 4K Martins Ferry Facility in the State of Ohio, subject to the following conditions:

- 1) 4K Industrial Park, LLC 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 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 4K Industrial Park, LLC for the 4K Martins Ferry Facility pursuant to rules promulgated under to R.C. 1509.22(C);
 - b) The Division denies a permit to 4K Industrial Park, LLC for the 4K Martins Ferry 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).

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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