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Dave Yost
Attorney General of Ohio
Environmental Enforcement Section
BCI Unit
30 E. Broad Street, 25th Floor
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RE: Enforcement Referral for [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Yost:

I hereby request that you initiate a criminal investigation and/or prosecution and seek appropriate criminal penalties, if warranted, against the above-referenced company and any other appropriate persons for violations of ORC Chapter 1509, including the referenced section(s), rules adopted thereunder, or other appropriate statutes of the Ohio Revised Code.

Jennifer Barrett, Attorney for the Division of Oil & Gas Resources Management, is the primary contact and should be kept advised of the criminal component of this case. If, during the investigation and/or prosecution of this action, the Attorney General's Office requires technical assistance and support from ODNR, please forward the request to Ms. Barrett. Jennifer Barrett can be reached at jennifer.barrett@dnr.ohio.gov or 614.917.7713.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Eric Vendel*

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