LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON OIL AND GAS RULES

The Chief for the Division of Mineral Resources Management, pursuant to section 1513.02 and Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, hereby gives notice of his intention to amend rules:

1501:9-1-01 1501:9-1-03 1501:9-1-04 1501:9-3-04 1501:9-3-05 1501:9-3-06 1501:9-3-07 1501:9-3-11 1501:9-5-01 1501:9-5-05 1501:9-5-09 1501:9-7-01 1501:9-7-07 1501:9-7-08 1501:9-7-10 1501:9-9-01 1501:9-10-05 1501:9-10-06 1501:9-11-01 1501:9-11-02 1501:9-11-03 1501:9-11-04 1501:9-11-05 1501:9-11-06 1501:9-11-07 1501:9-11-08 1501:9-11-09 1501:9-11-12 1501:9-11-13

The proposed rule revisions deal with

Oil Well Drilling - General Provisions Oil Well Drilling - Surety Bond Oil Well Drilling - Spacing of wells Saltwater Operation - Prevention of contamination and pollution Saltwater Operation - Construction of and conversion too saltwater injection wells Saltwater Operation - Permit Saltwater Operation - Operating, monitoring and reporting of saltwater injection wells Saltwater Operation - Annular disposal **Enhanced Recover Projects - Definitions** Enhanced Recover Projects - Permit Enhanced Recover Projects - Construction of and conversion to enhanced recovery input wells Solution Mining Projects - Definitions Solution Mining Projects - Permit Solution Mining Projects - Construction of solution mining projects Solution Mining Projects - Mechanical integrity Safety Regulations - Definitions Pipelines - Burial of pipelines **Pipelines - Exceptions** Plugging of Wells - Definitions Plugging of Wells - Permit to plug Plugging of Wells - Objective and methods Plugging of Wells - Notification and supervision Plugging of Wells - Commencement Plugging of Wells - Pulling of conductor pipe and surface casing Plugging of Wells - Materials Plugging of Wells - Plugging with cement Plugging of Wells - Plugging with prepared clay Plugging of Wells - Plugging record Plugging of Wells - Conversion to water well

A public hearing on the proposed rule amendments will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 27, 2004; at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources; Division of Mineral Resources Management; 1855 Fountain Square Court; Building H-2 Conference Room; Columbus, Ohio 43224. At the public hearing, any person affected by the proposed rule amendments may appear and be heard in person, or by their attorney, or both, and may present testimony, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rules, if adopted, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

Copies of the proposed new rule and rule revisions are available through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management, 1855 Fountain Square Court, Building H-2, Columbus, Ohio 43224. If you have any questions, please call the Division of Mineral Resources Management at (614) 265-6633.