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POLICY STATEMENT

To All Oil and Gas Operators and Attorneys Who Practice Before the Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board

This is to restate and clarify the policy of the Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board (the "Board") with respect to the type fluids which may lawfully be disposed of downhole in an approved Class II fluids injection and disposal well.

As you are aware, **STATEWIDE RULE 63 ("UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL")** regulates the permitting, construction and operation of Class II fluids injection and disposal wells and Class II enhanced oil recovery injection wells. In this connection, Statewide Rule 63(1.) (A.) ("Prohibition of Unauthorized Injection") states as follows:

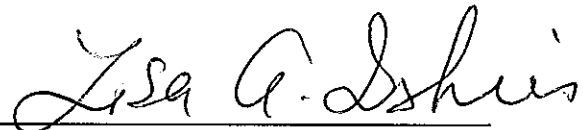
Any underground injection, except as authorized by permit or rule issued under this Class II Program is prohibited. The construction or conversion of any well required to have a permit is prohibited until the permit is issued. Injection fluids authorized for injection under this Class II Program include those:

- (1) which are brought to the surface in connection with conventional oil and natural gas drilling and production and may be commingled with waste waters from gas processing plants which are an integral part of production operations, unless those fluids are classified as hazardous waste at the time of injection;
- (2) for enhanced recovery of oil and natural gas; and
- (3) for storage of hydrocarbons which are liquid at standard temperature and pressure.

In determining which fluids are authorized for injection under the Class II Program pursuant to Statewide Rule 63(1.) (A.), it is the policy of the Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board that any fluids which are considered to be an integral part of drilling, completion, recompletion and/or production operations on an oil or gas well may be disposed of by injection into a duly approved Class II well so long as:

- (1) The injected fluid at the time of injection is not classified as "hazardous waste" under applicable Federal or State law; and
- (2) The fluid is commingled with produced fluid

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact either Lisa A. Ivshin, the State Oil and Gas Supervisor, at 1-601-576-4920, or Allen Floyd, the Energy Resource Director, at 1-601-576-4925.



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