



RESOLUTION 25.051

Urging the Environmental Protection Agency to Enact New Rules to Support Water Resource Development and Create Frameworks for Pilot Programs to Develop the Recycling of Produced Water for Beneficial Use

WHEREAS, produced water is a byproduct of oil and gas extraction and production that increases over the lifespan of a well even as the amount of oil and gas produced from the well decreases; and

WHEREAS, tens of millions of barrels of produced water are produced in the United States every day; and

WHEREAS, although much of the produced water is beneficially used for enhanced recovery of oil and gas, produced water is primarily disposed of by injecting it into non-productive geologic layers under the authority of Class II Underground Injection Control programs; and

WHEREAS, effective management of this water is essential for maintaining both sustainable energy production and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, severe drought conditions in the western United States have dramatically worsened, impacting water supplies, agriculture, and ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, use of recycled produced water significantly reduces reliance on groundwater resources, minimizing the need to draw from groundwater aquifers, which is a critical step in addressing water scarcity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) does hereby urge the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to enact new rules to support water resource development and create frameworks to develop the recycling of produced water for beneficial use, including the development of new technologies to safely treat and repurpose large volumes of produced water that is currently injected underground for disposal; and



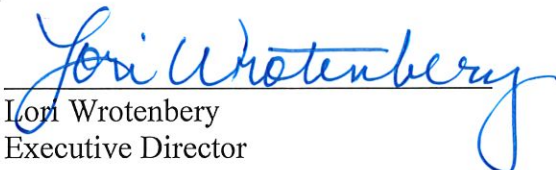
BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT, IOGCC does hereby support and endorse any and all actions by EPA to ensure states are provided the necessary flexibility to develop such programs; and where appropriate request members of the congressional delegation of each IOGCC state to take action as necessary to achieve this objective.

I certify that this is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Commission on May 21, 2025.

Voting yes: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Voting no: Oklahoma.




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