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## **Media Advisory – Cushing Earthquakes**

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Oil and Gas Conservation Division (OGCD) has added additional oil and gas wastewater disposal wells to its action plan for Cushing. The goal of the plan is to reduce the risk of induced earthquakes in Cushing area by changing the operations of the specified disposal wells. With the latest addition, the plan now calls for operational changes at a total of 13 disposal wells. Operators of 13 other disposal wells are being put on notice that changes may be needed in the future.

Specifically, the latest addition to the plan calls for disposal wells injecting into the Arbuckle formation to change operations based on the distance from the center of the recent earthquake activity:

**Wells within 3 miles: Shut in (stop operations)**

**Wells within 3 – 6 miles: Reduce volume injected by 25 percent**

**Wells with 6 – 10 miles: On notice to prepare for possible future changes in operation.**

**The wells now covered by the plan include\*\*:**

**Operator: American Energy-Woodford, LLC**

**Wells: Calyx 35-2, shut in**

**Wilson 11-15, shut in**

**Clay, reduce volume**

**Ethridge 35-2, shut in**

**Hill 29-1, reduce volume**

**Williams 5-1, reduce volume**

**Operator: Crown Energy**

**Wells: Joyce 20, shut in**

**Cimarron A1-13, reduce volume**

**Jedi A1-6, reduce volume**

**Hannah Jo A1-10, reduce volume**

**(more)**

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**Operator: Cher Oil**

**Wells: State School Land 1-16, reduce volume**

**Operator: Petrowarrior**

**Wells: Wildhorse 1, reduce volume**

**Operator: F.H.A Investments**

**Wells: FHA 1-15, reduce volume**

**NOTE: In addition to above, a disposal well has been shut in by the operator after being contacted by the OCC regarding the need to reduce the depth of the well. Operator: Meason Petroleum, Well: Donaldson 1-21**

*\*\*Letter, well list and map attached*

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TO:

FROM: Tim Baker, Director, Oil and Gas Conservation Division

RE: Reduction in Volumes for Wells Located in Area of Interest for Induced Seismicity

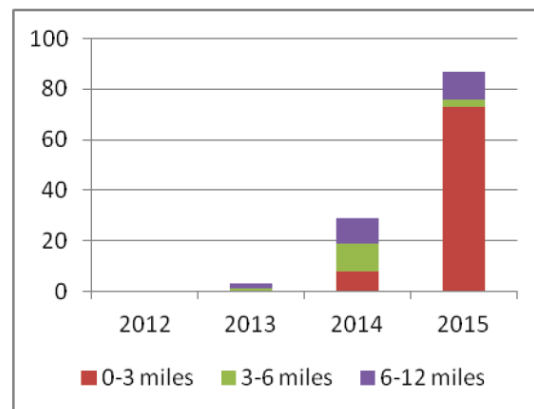
DATE: October 16, 2015

The Commission's Oil and Gas Conservation Division (OGCD) is expanding its efforts to reduce the risk of earthquakes potentially triggered by saltwater disposal wells. The following addresses the reduction of volumes being disposed in the Arbuckle formation within the defined area of interest. Any company that has been identified as operating one or more Arbuckle disposal well(s) located within one of the three zones in the defined area will need to reduce volumes disposed into such well(s) according to the schedule outlined at the end of this letter. The zones are shown on the attached map and are defined from a centrally located point between the two most recent magnitude 4+ earthquakes, as reported by the Oklahoma Geological Survey (OGS), near the town of Cushing, as follows:

- Zero to three miles (0-3 miles)
- Three to six miles (3-6 miles)
- Six to ten miles (6-10 miles).

The area highlighted on the attached map has been designated based upon the dramatic increase in earthquakes within the immediate area. The OGCD has reviewed the earthquake activity of magnitude 2.5 and greater within two miles of the zones of interest, as reported by the Oklahoma Geological Survey (OGS). The earthquake activity from January 1, 2012 through October 16, 2015 below. The attached map shows earthquake activity of the last 30 days.

Earthquake Activity Magnitude 2.5 or Greater				
Year	0-3 mile Zone	3-6 mile Zone	6-12 mile Zone	Total
2012	0	0	0	0
2013	0	1	2	3
2014	8	11	10	29
2015	73	3	11	87



As part of a joint effort to decrease the risk of induced seismicity, you will need to complete reduction of disposal volumes in accordance with the following schedule and as indicated for the wells below. All disposal well volumes shall be calculated on a daily basis. In addition, gauges and flow meters should be placed on such wells on or before Monday, November 2, 2015 so that Commission Field Inspectors can verify pressures and volumes. As has been the practice, pressures and volumes for such wells should continue to be supplied every Monday to the Commission, on a weekly basis, at [ogvolumes@occemail.com](mailto:ogvolumes@occemail.com).

**The following schedule applies to all wells within the defined zones in the Area of Interest:**

- Zero to three miles (0-3 miles):
  - A shut-in of wells on or before October 23, 2015.
- Three to six miles (3-6 miles):
  - On or before November 2, 2015, daily volumes should be reduced by thirteen percent (13%) of the daily average of the total volume reported reported to the Commission on the weekly volume reports through October 12, 2015.
  - On or before November 16, 2015, daily volumes should be reduced by an additional twelve percent (12%), for a total volume reduction of twenty-five percent (25%) of the daily average of the total volume reported reported to the Commission on the weekly volume reports through October 12, 2015.
- Six to ten miles (6-10 miles):
  - Maintain current levels at this time. This letter shall serve as notification that future seismic activity might result in an expanded area for reductions to include these wells.

If you have any questions contact the OCGD:

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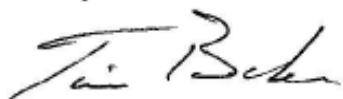
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Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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**Volume data from March 23rd to October 12th 2015 weekly reports**

Company	Well Name	Status	Average of Daily Volume	Sum of Daily Volume	Updated Max Allowed Volume	% Reduction	Buffer Zone
Hightower Energy	Caldwell-Lionel Harris 1	<b>Permit</b>	40	8040	40	0%	6 to 10
American Energy Woodford	Calyx 35-2	Shut in	7118	1452076	0	100%	0 to 3
American Energy Woodford	Ethridge 35-2	Shut in	1991	406071	0	100%	0 to 3
American Energy Woodford	Wilson 11-1	Shut in	651	132825	0	100%	0 to 3
American Energy Woodford	Clay 21-1	25% reduction	3198	652446	2399	25%	3 to 6
American Energy Woodford	Hill 29-1	25% reduction	7436	1517024	5577	25%	3 to 6
American Energy Woodford	Williams 5-1	25% reduction	6895	1406580	5171	25%	3 to 6
American Energy Woodford	Penny 29-1	Permit	6650	1356636	6650	0%	6 to 10
American Energy Woodford	Hildebrand 6-1	Permit	85	17418	85	0%	6 to 10
American Energy Woodford	Metcalfe 24-1	Permit	3168	646277	3168	0%	6 to 10
American Energy Woodford	Mitchell 4-11	Permit	2488	507653	2488	0%	6 to 10
American Energy Woodford	Wheeler 11-1	Permit	1574	320997	1574	0%	6 to 10
American Energy Woodford	Dean 3-1	Permit	1429	291448	1429	0%	6 to 10
American Energy Woodford	Louis 6-3	Permit	446	90893	446	0%	6 to 10
Crown Energy	Joyce 20 SWD	Shut in	992	202415	0	100%	0 to 3
Crown Energy	Cimarron A1-13 SWD	25% reduction	4730	960165	3547	0%	3 to 6
Crown Energy	Jedi A1-6 SWD	25% reduction	3157	640850	2368	25%	3 to 6
Crown Energy	Hannah Jo A1-10	25% reduction	0	0	0	0%	3 to 6
Crown Energy	Linda	Permit	4352	883446	4352	0%	6 to 10
Meason Petroleum LLC	Donaldson 1-21 SWD	Permit	274	55880	274	0%	6 to 10
D & J Tank Trucks	Sanders 3 SWD	Permit	80	11875	80	0%	6 to 10
Devon Energy	HC Ryan 15-18N-6E	Permit	2	396	2	0%	6 to 10
Cher Oil	State School land 1-16 SWD	25% reduction	246	17206	184	25%	3 to 6
Cher Oil	TUCKER 12-1D	Permit	977	198310	977	0%	6 to 10
Petrowarrior	Wildhorse #1 SWD	25% reduction	1060	216307	795	25%	3 to 6
FHA Investments	FHA SWD 1-15	25% reduction	1002	203430	752	25%	3 to 6
Becca Oil LLC	MILLER #1	Permit	4	896	4	0%	6 to 10
	<b>Totals</b>		<b>60045</b>	<b>12197560</b>	<b>39647</b>	<b>34%</b>	

