



## **Ohio Update 2019**



## **Tax Language and Audits**

- House Bill 430
  - Clears up areas of interpretation
  - Working on language with examples to avoid doubt

## **Oxygen Concentration Issues**

- SOOGA/Dominion/Aspire/Cobra
  - Short term and long term solutions
  - Investigate producers pooling resources to lay own lines



### **Wayne National Forest / BLM**

- Technical workgroup to identify impacts and projections for development
- Appalachia Resist and other groups continue to protest and threaten to disrupt
- Community and Nature Bill of Rights

### **Brine Injection Wells**

- Push from northern Ohio to limit wells and provide local control
- Concerns about roads from northern and southern Ohio



## **Form 10 / EPCRA**

- Has been changed by ODNR
  - Want additional information
  - “Optional”
- EPCRA
  - Still not online
  - Brine is not a reportable item

## **OGPUPS / OUPS (Ohio811)**

- Transition to a single call system
- First year fees are flat
  - Subsequent years are based on previous year volumes
- Polygon system



## Orphan Wells

- State required to spend 30% of Severance Tax revenue to plug
  - ~ \$15 million per year at current rates
    - Was ~\$3 million
- State believes it can plug 200 wells/year
  - Wants to improve the process
- Phase II legislation is being considered
  - Eliminate permit fees, offer tax credits, land owner grants, etc.

## ODNR

- ODNR budget is ~\$20 million/year, asking for ~\$27 million
  - State was grabbing all excess funds
  - Push to funnel money to “locals”
- Working to make helpful changes
  - Minimum Sev Tax
  - Well transfer fee
  - Domestic gas as production



## Spacing Rule Update

- Update to lateral spacing
- Decrease in spacing for vertical wells (half previous)
  - 10 acres for “shallow” well <4000’
  - 20 acres for “deep” well >4000’
- Maybe by the end of the year

## Five Year Rule Review

- Gene Huck is representative to ODNR meetings