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#### **SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 21, 2022**

#### 2022 Spring Membership Meeting

- Due to COVID restrictions, SOOGA was unable to have the Spring Member-
- ship Meeting in 2020 and 2021. We are happy to be able to have the meeting
- in 2022 for our membership. We have put together a pack filled day of speak-
- ers and entertainment. The morning is filled with important topics: Ohio and 7 WV State regulatory and legal updates, plugging Orphan well information, and
- bitcoin mining at natural gas facilities. The guest speakers include: George Brown, OOGEEP; U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson, and comedian and motiva-
- tional speaker, Mark Robinson. Keynote speaker, Jerry James will conclude 10
- the meeting with "The Economy Runs on Energy."
- Please mark your calendars and join us for important information, entertainment and a delicious buffet by Theo's Restaurant. Details of the meeting will be mailed. See tentative agenda on Page 17.

# FEDERAL EPA PROPOSED METHANE RULE Article by: Don Huck

- In November of 2021, the federal EPA published a proposed Methane Rule governing emissions from oil and gas facilities. The proposed Methane Rule is
- 19 a dramatic overreach by federal EPA to supercede existing state regulations currently governing oil and gas facilities.
- 20 The period for commenting on the proposed rule closed on January 31, 2022. SOOGA submitted comments on the proposed rule on behalf of its members.
- Please see the letter attached to this article. SOOGA provided a template of this letter to member companies to assist in their submission of comments to the federal EPA. According to the federal EPA website, as of February 18, 2022, there have been over 300,000 comments submitted concerning the proposed rule. If you were able to submit comments, thank you.

SOOGA was engaged with other state and national oil and gas associations during the comment period and is still engaged in ongoing discussions to combat this onerous rule. The proposed rule seeks to eliminate the exemption for marginal wells (less than 15 boed) from emissions standards. It places undue burdens on low producing marginal wells while failing to impact methane emissions in any meaningful way.

SOOGA will continue to monitor the status of the proposed rule and will be engaged in the debate whenever and wherever possible. SOOGA will work to eliminate provisions in the rule that will have a negative impact on its members. Your participation may be needed again as the process moves forward. Please stand ready to defend your company and your industry.

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#### THE CROW'S NEST

The year is off to a fast start and prices are the best we have seen in years. Everyone is busy with their projects with no slow down in sight. The Board of Trustees have been busy scheduling and organizing for this year's events. Please look over the event schedule and mark your calendar so you don't miss any!



Our first event is rapidly approaching and we are excited for the return of our Spring Membership Meeting. Unfortunately, we have not been able to hold the meeting for the past two years due to the coronavirus pandemic. The time has come where we can finally resume the meeting. The meeting will be on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Marietta Shrine Club. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with the meeting starting at 9. We have a great line-up of speakers and presenters covering many different topics. Mark Robinson will be back again this year for entertainment. We will also hold our annual board election, so please vote prior to or at the meeting. Check out the tentative agenda later in this issue.

The Board of Trustees are excited to announce the addition of another gun raffle this year. Our "Second Chance Gun Raffle" will be held May 2, 2022 through May 7, 2022. We have a great selection of guns that now include pistols. We will be selling 500 tickets for this raffle with each ticket representing two three-digit numbers. Tickets will still be \$20.00 each and we will continue to use the West Virginia Pick 3 Lottery for the drawing. Tickets will be available starting March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact a board member or the SOOGA office if you would like tickets.

In other news, we are continuing to follow the Proposed Methane Rule. SOOGA, along with other industry organizations have submitted comments opposing this rule. Please take time to read the letter we submitted. We must stand united to combat this as it will affect us all. We will continue to keep you updated of any changes that may occur.

Stand Tall, Stand United and Keep Pushing Forward!

Jared Stevens President



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### 2022 SOOGA Tentative Calendar of Events

#### **Spring Membership Meeting**

April 21st, 2022 Marietta Shrine Club 249 Pennsylvania Ave. Marietta, OH 45750

#### **Spring Golf Outing**

May 20th, 2022 Oxbow Golf Course 500 St. Andrews Blvd Belpre, OH 45714

#### **Spring Sporting Clay Shoot**

June 17th, 2022 Hilltop Sports, LLC 1530 Offenberger Rd. Whipple, OH 45788

#### **SOOGA 2nd Annual Industry Boat Ride**

July 29th, 2022 The Valley Gem 531 Front Street Marietta, OH 45750

#### **Fall Golf Outing**

August 26th, 2022 Golf Club of WV 482 Deerwalk Hwy Waverly, WV 26184

#### **Annual Trade Show**

September 29th, 2022 ESB Community Building 619 St. Rt., 821 Marietta, OH 45750

#### **Fall Clay Shoot**

October 21st, 2022 Hilltop Sports, LLC 1530 Offenberger Rd. Whipple, OH 45788

#### **Fall Gun Giveaway**

November  $1st - 30th\ 2022$ 

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# Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association Gas Committee Report February, 2022

#### Prices February 9, 2022

NYMEX Settle – Feb. – 2022	\$6.26
One Year NYMEX strip (Mar. 2022 – Feb. 2023)	\$4.54
Summer NYMEX strip for 2022 (April, 2022 - Oct., 2022)	\$4.11
Winter NYMEX strip – 2021 (Nov., 2022 – Mar. 2023)	\$4.34
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TCO Index Posting – February, 2022	\$5.80
DTI Index Posting – February, 2022	\$5.70

### February 3, 2022 Storage Report:

Working	oas in	underground	storage	Lower	48 states
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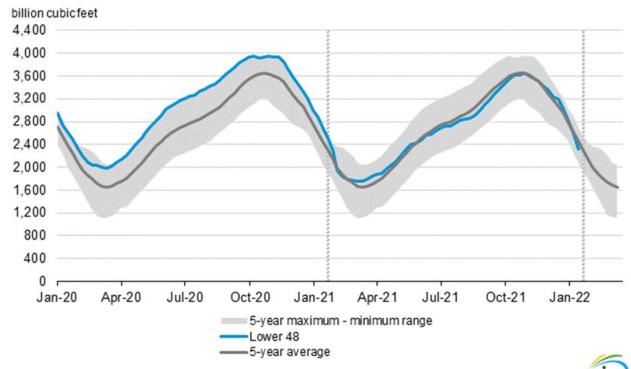
						Historical	Comparis	ons
	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)			Year ago		5-year average		
Region	01/28/22	01/22/22	net change	implied flow	Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change
East	541	609	-68	-68	590	-8.3	557	-2.9
Midwest	616	701	-85	-85	728	-15.4	669	-7.9
Mountain	133	143	-10	-10	160	-16.9	141	-5.7
Pacific	196	201	-5	-5	263	-25.5	217	-9.7
South Central	837	938	-101	-101	976	-14.2	883	-5.2
Salt	231	279	-48	-48	282	-18.1	269	-14.1
Nonsalt	606	658	-52	-52	694	-12.7	614	-1.3
Total	2,323	2,591	-268	-268	2,716	-14.5	2,466	-5.8

#### **Summary**

Working gas in storage was 2,323 Bcf as of Friday, January 28, 2022, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net decrease of 268 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 393 Bcf less than last year at this time and 143 Bcf below the five-year average of 2,466 Bcf. At 2,323 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

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Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

### EIA 2022 price forecast:

The agency estimated that Henry Hub prices would average \$3.97/MMBtu for full-year 2021 and \$3.98/MMBtu in 2022, down from the previous month's estimates of \$4.10/MMBtu in 2021.

## Prices/Supply/Demand

Prices in the Northeast decrease for the second consecutive week in between winter storms. At the Algonquin Citygate, which serves <u>Boston-area consumers</u>, the price went down \$5.85 from \$20.71/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$14.86/MMBtu yesterday. At the Transcontinental Pipeline Zone 6 trading point for New York City, the price decreased \$5.13 from \$11.92/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$6.79/MMBtu yesterday. The Northeast experienced a <u>brief warming trend</u> this week, in between the massive winter storm last weekend and the upcoming winter storm forecasted for this weekend in the region. Total natural gas consumption decreased 3% (1.0 Bcf/d) to 31.3 Bcf/d from a week ago, according to data from IHS Markit.

According to Enbridge, operator of the <u>Algonquin Gas Transmission</u> (AGT) natural gas pipeline, send out from the <u>Northeast Gateway LNG terminal</u> into their pipeline system averaged 80 MMcf/d during this report week. <u>The Exemplar</u>, a Floating Storage Regasification Unit (FSRU), started discharging on January 12, and has delivered to date 1.4 Bcf of LNG into the New England market. The highest daily send out was on January 21, when the vessel discharged 377 MMcf. An estimated 1.6 Bcf of LNG remains onboard in the ship's LNG storage tanks.

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Prices in the Appalachia production region increase in line with rising prices across the country. The Tennessee Zone 4 Marcellus spot price increased \$1.70 from \$4.03/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$5.73/MMBtu yesterday. The price at Eastern Gas South in southwest Pennsylvania rose \$1.73 from \$4.02/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$5.75/MMBtu yesterday. According to IHS Markit, local natural gas consumption in the Appalachia production area decreased 7% (1.0 Bcf/d) to 12.9 Bcf/d from a week ago. Lower consumption in the region was offset in part by a 16% increase (0.6 Bcf/d) in southbound flows, which averaged 4.4 Bcf/d this report week. Natural gas production in the region was relatively flat at 32.7 Bcf/d.

**U.S. natural gas supply is relatively flat this week.** The average total supply of natural gas rose this week by 0.1% (0.1 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week, according to data from IHS Markit. Dry natural gas production grew by 0.7% (0.6 Bcf/d) and was largely offset by lower net imports from Canada, which decreased by 6.0% (0.4 Bcf/d) from last week.

**U.S. natural gas consumption falls across all sectors this week.** Total U.S. consumption of natural gas fell by 7.7% (8.6 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week, according to data from IHS Markit. Natural gas consumption in all sectors is lower this week, the largest decline being in the residential and commercial sector, where consumption fell by 9.6% (5.4 Bcf/d). Average temperatures, though below normal, rose relative to last week across the Lower 48 states. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 8.5% (2.5 Bcf/d) week over week, and industrial sector consumption decreased by 2.9% (0.7 Bcf/d). Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 4.6% (0.3 Bcf/d) and natural gas deliveries to LNG export facilities averaged 12.1 Bcf/d, or 0.6 Bcf/d lower than last week.

**U.S. LNG exports are down by three vessels this week from last week.** Twenty-two LNG vessels (nine from Sabine Pass, four each from Corpus Christi and Freeport, three from Cameron, and two from Cove Point) with a combined LNG-carrying capacity of 81 Bcf departed the United States between January 27 and February 2, 2022, according to shipping data provided by Bloomberg Finance, L.P. In January, 103 tankers departed the United States, compared with 102 in December 2021. Vessel departures recorded for these two months were the highest to date.

As of February 4, the national Baker Hughes total U.S. rig count is 613, plus 221 from last year.

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# \*\*SOOGA Membership Dues\*\*

If you have not paid your 2022 Membership Dues please contact the SOOGA office for payment information.

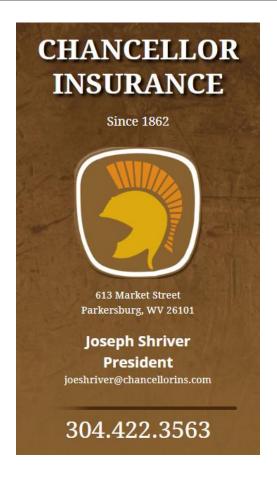
Please remember you have to be current on your dues in order to vote in the Board of Trustees 2022 Elections.

If payment is not received by March 5th, 2022 your membership will be closed.

Thanks so much, Billie



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#### **GAS PRICING 2021**

#### JANUARY 2022

NYMEX Settlement: \$4.024 Inside FERC/DTI: \$3.150 (Basis: -\$0.874) Inside FERC/TCO:\$3.300 (Basis: -\$0.724)

#### FEBRUARY 2022

NYMEX Settlement: \$6.265 Inside FERC/DTI: \$5.700 (Basis: -\$0.565) Inside FERC/TCO:\$5.800 (Basis: -\$0.465)

#### **OIL PRICING 2021**

# ERGON OIL PURCHASING WEST VIRGINIA MONTHLY AVERAGE

DECEMBER Ohio Tier 1: \$70.4881
DECEMBER Ohio Tier 2: \$67.4481
DECEMBER Ohio Tier 3: \$65.4881
DECEMBER West Virginia Tier 1: \$70.4881
DECEMBER West Virginia Tier 2: \$67.4881
DECEMBER West Virginia Tier 3: \$65.4881
DECEMBER Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$56.4881
DECEMBER Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$70.4881
DECEMBER Marcellus/Utica Light: \$61.4881

JANUARY Ohio Tier 1: \$81.6832
JANUARY Ohio Tier 2: \$78.6832
JANUARY Ohio Tier 3: \$76.6832
JANUARY West Virginia Tier 1: \$81.6832
JANUARY West Virginia Tier 2: \$78.6832
JANUARY West Virginia Tier 3: \$76.6832
JANUARY Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$67.6832
JANUARY Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$81.6832
JANUARY Marcellus/Utica Light: \$72.6832

Tier 1 - 150 + net barrels of crude oil.

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**Tier 2** - 60-149.99 net barrels of crude oil Two Stops within 10 miles

Tier 3 - 30-59.99 net barrels of crude oil

Please contact Ergon at 1-800-278-3364 for clarification on split load pricing.

The Marcellus/Utica Shale produced crude oil will be purchased based on the monthly average for the following postings:

38.0-49.9 API Gravity—Marcellus/Utica Medium crude oil 50.0-59.9 API Gravity—Marcellus/Utica Light crude oil

60.0+ API Gravity—**Marcellus/Utica Condensate** (formerly posted as Appalachian Sweet Light-ALS).

Other parameters will be evaluated on a farm by farm basis.

You can now find EOP WVA Crude Oil Price Bulletin on the internet at:

www.ergon.com

#### **OIL PRICING 2021**

# AMERICAN REFINING GROUP AVERAGE

12/21 to 12/31 Group 1 OH: \$73.49

Group 2 OH: \$70.49

Group 3 OH: \$68.49

1/01 to 1/10 Group 1 OH: \$76.57

Group 2 OH: \$73.57

Group 3 OH: \$71.57

1/11 to 1/20 Group 1 OH: \$83.06

Group 2 OH: \$80.06

Group 3 OH: \$78.06

1/21 to 1/31 Group 1 OH: \$85.08

Group 2 OH: \$82.08

Group 3 OH: \$80.08

2/01 to 2/10 Group 1 OH: \$89.39

Group 2 OH: \$86.39

Group 3 OH: \$84.39

2/11 to 2/20 Group 1 OH: \$91.55

Group 2 OH: \$88.55

Group 3 OH: \$86.55

# ARG GROUP PRICING CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR PENNSYLVANIA GRADE CRUDE OIL (LEGACY)

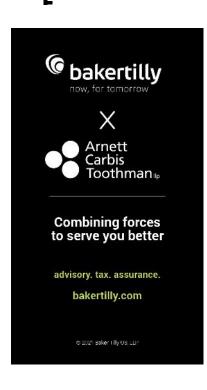
**Group 1 (OH/PA/NY)** – 150.0 net barrels of crude from 3 stops within 10 mile, with a BS&W of 2.5% or less (If able to load 160 net barrels the BS&W will be waived)

**Group 2 (OH/PA/NY)** – 60.0-149.99 net barrels from 2 stops

**Group 3 (OH/PA/NY)** – 30-59.9 net barrels from single location

For questions relating to ARG Group Pricing or Utica / Marcellus Shale pricing, please contact: Bill Murray, VP-Crude Supply & Logistics- 330-649-2832; bmurray@amref.com

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# **Obituary**



Gary Frederic Frye, 79, of Fleming, OH, went to his heavenly home on December 28, 2021.

He was a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, a respected attorney, and

a man who loved the Lord.

Gary was born on November 14, 1942, in Mount Vernon, OH, and was the son of the late Frederic C. and Helen Ruth Lauderbaugh Frye.

Gary pursued his undergraduate degree at the United States Coast Guard Academy and then The Ohio State University. He graduated from Ohio State's College of Law with his J.D.

Gary worked as an attorney for 51 years; he spent 37 years as a partner in Theisen & Brock LPA and then 14 years as the in-house counsel for Artex Oil. He retired on December 31, 2019. He was a great civic and community leader who invested time and energy to mentor young professionals and businesspeople. Over the years, he led many organizations such as the Warren High School Athletic Boosters, Boy Scout Troop 216 in which more than 20 young men achieved the Eagle Scout Award, and the NCAA Division III Baseball World Series Tournament Committee. Gary was an active member of the Tunnel United Methodist Church.

Gary loved spending time with his family and attending his grandkids' sporting events. His hobbies included playing music on the piano and guitar, singing, reading, watching football and basketball, and working outdoors to meticulously maintain his acres of property. He also enjoyed singing at church and leading Bible studies.

Gary is survived by his loving wife Sharon P. Frye, son Bret Frye (Melissa) of Williamstown, WV, daughter Layne Shidaker (Trent) of The Woodlands, TX, sons Justin Frye (Melissa) of Cincinnati, OH, and John Frye (Molly) of Marietta, OH. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren: Nathan and Maggie Frye, Carter, Kamryn, and Keatyn Haynes, Allison and Jillian Shidaker, Tom, Stella, and Livi Frye, Tyler and Max Frye. He is survived by a brother Stanley Frye and a brother-in-law David Phillips.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law Shirley Frye.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Washington County, online or at 307 Lancaster Street, Suite 1, Marietta, OH 45750 or to the Tunnel United Methodist Church Outreach Committee, 65 Coffman Road, Marietta, OH 45750.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.LeavittFuneralHome.com.



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### **ANNUAL PRODUCTION REPORTING FOR YEAR 2021**

Article by: Don Huck

ODNR introduced the RICS system in July of 2021. This system replaced the old RBDMS database ODNR has used for many years. Production Reporting is not part of the current RICS system. Per a recent conversation with ODNR, the Production Reporting module is currently under construction and may be implemented in future years.

Since the Production Reporting module is not ready for implementation, Ohio oil and gas operators will be able to submit their annual production in the same manner they did last year.

If you have any questions, please contact the SOOGA office at (740) 374-3203.





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# SOOGA & OOGA JOINT AMICUS BRIEF FILED

Article by: Dan Corcoran

On January 18, 2022, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association and the Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association filed a joint amicus brief in support of Rice Drilling and Gulfport Energy with the Seventh District Court of Appeals in a case styled *Tera*, *LLC* v *Rice Drilling D*, *LLC*, et al., Case No. 21 BE 0047.

This case involves an appeal from a jury verdict of more than \$40,000,000.00 in damages that arose from the drilling of a well in the Point Pleasant formation under a lease for the "formation commonly known as the Utica Shale." The amicus brief and other filings in this case are available at the Belmont County Clerk of Court's Office.

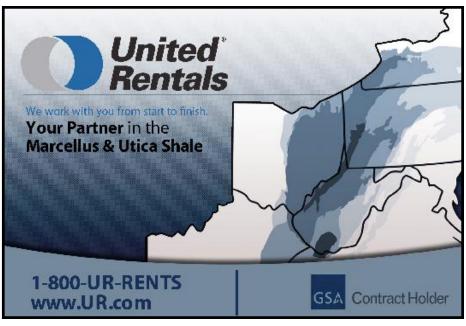




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# **Covid-19 Updates**

The U.S. Supreme Court blocked the proposed vaccine mandate for large U.S. employers (100 employees or more). It was blocked on Thursday, January 13, 2022 but has allowed a vaccine mandate to stand for medical facilities that take Medicare or Medicaid payments. This came three days after the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's emergency measure for businesses started to take effect. In an unsigned opinion the court wrote "Although Congress has indisputably given OSHA the power to regulate occupational dangers, it has not given that agency the power to regulate public health more broadly. Requiring the vaccination of 84 million Americans, selected simply because they work for employers with more than 100 employees, certainly falls into the latter category."

The decision was not unanimous. Justices Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Elana Kagan dissented writing that the majority has usurped the power of Congress, the president and OSHA without legal basis. "In the face of a still-raging pandemic, this Court tells the agency charged with protecting worker safety that it may not do so in all the workplaces needed" they stated.

In response to the Court ruling, Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh has expressed his disappointment with the decision and urges employers to require employees to get vaccinated or tested weekly to most effectively fight the virus in the workplace. He went on to state that "Employers are responsible for the safety of their workers on the job, and OSHA has comprehensive Covid-19 guidance to help them uphold their obligation." "Regardless of the ultimate outcome of these proceedings, OSHA will do everything in its existing authority to hold businesses accountable for protecting workers, including under the Covid-19 National Emphasis Program and General Duty Clause."

As of January 15, 2022 private insurance companies are required to cover at home Covid-19 tests. Each eligible participant can receive coverage up to \$12 (or the cost of the test) for up to 8 tests per month. Consumers can either get the test kits at no cost at participating pharmacies set up by their plans or can submit receipts for reimbursement after purchase. PCR tests and rapid tests ordered or administered by a health provider will continue to be fully covered by insurance with no limit.

The federal government website for free at home Covid-19 tests launched on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The COVIDTests.gov website directs users to usps.com/covidtests to order 4 free at-home tests. Tests will start shipping in late January. The Postal Service will only send one set of four free coronavirus tests to each valid residential address. This program was developed in response to the lack of at-home tests available to consumers.

# **WEST VIRGINIA UPDATE**

By: Bob Matthey, Jr.

Wv Legislature is back in session.

We are trying to make some changes to the Above Ground Storage Tank.

Thanks to Delegate John Kelly from Parkersburg, the changes we believe we can get through the legislature this term are:

- the requirements to have an engineer inspecting tanks every three years, will be changed to self inspections.
- the requirement to inspect the dikes on Level 1 tanks will be changed to once a month instead of every 14 days.

This bill has passed out of the House and sent on to the Senate. We will be monitoring this bill closely.



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# SOOGA 2022 Spring Membership Meeting Tentative Agenda Thursday April 21st, 2022 Marietta Shrine Club

249 Pennsylvania Ave, Marietta, OH 45750

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:15	Introduction and Opening Remarks - Jared Stevens, President SOOGA
9:15-9:30	Legal Update - Attorney Dan Corcoran, Theisen Brock, LPA
9:30-10:00	Ohio and West Virginia Updates - Brian Chavez/Bob Matthey Jr.
10:00-10:15	Kyle Textor — Carbon Capture Consulting "Bitcoin mining in the Oilfields"
10:15-10:45	Plugging Orphan Wells — Don Huck
10:45-11:15	00GEEP Update and ESG — George Brown
11:15-12:00	Federal Update - U.S. Congressman Bill Johnson
12:00-1:00	Buffet Lunch by Theo's/Paul Fulton Presentation
1:00-2:00	Entertainment: Mark Robinson - Comedian and Motivational Speaker
2:00-2:30	Break/SOOGA Awards
2:30-3:30	Keynote Speaker— Jerry James "The Economy-Runs on Energy"
3:30-3:45	BOT Election Results/Closing Remarks



# SOOGA's Energy Insights

# Hosted by Johnny Wharff Saturdays @ 9 A.M.

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Previous episodes can be found on SOOGA.org or by searching for Energy Insights WMOA on YouTube.

SOOGA's Energy Insights recently traveled to Washington DC to get a perspective of the industry on a federal level. Please listen to episodes from members of the Energy and Commerce Committee as well as the person in charge of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler.

#### The Capitol Hill playlist:

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## **SOOGA's Comment on Proposed Methane Rulemaking Letter**

January 21, 2022

The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator US Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460

Re: Comments on Proposed Rulemaking – Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0317
Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review

#### Dear Administrator Regan:

Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association hereby submits the following comments for Proposed Rulemaking.

- 1. Proposed Rule The document in many parts of the Federal Register does not contain regulatory language. As this appears to be nothing more than an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking, the effective date is not November 15, 2021. The effective date should only be set after actual regulations are drafted and distributed for comment.
- 2. Low production wells Low production wells have a diminished capacity to emit methane. They have been exempt under previous regulations and should remain exempt. The proposed calculation for fugitive emissions at well sites based on total actual site level baseline methane emissions is inappropriate and should remain as an exemption. The Department of Energy is working on a study of emissions from low production wells. There should be no consideration of removing the exemption until this data is reviewed by EPA.
- 3. NSPS OOOOb EPA's proposed calculation methodology for baseline methane emissions confuses the issue between equipment used for the safe operation of a well site and emissions. Pneumatic controllers operating intermittently do not create significant emissions and are critical for safety purposes. No operation should have to sacrifice safety for an insignificant reduction in emissions just to stay below an arbitrary calculation. Any application of LDAR evaluation of emissions from low volume wells will put those wells at economic risk and place significant financial burden on small businesses. Many low volume wells will be forced to be shut in. States agencies are charged with conserving the natural resources of their respective state and have the authority to adjust regulations accordingly. Arbitrary rules from the federal EPA with no cost benefit and minimal environmental benefit jeopardize the state's conservation of a natural resource.
- 4. Duplicate regulations NSPS OOOOa, OOOOb and OOOOc are duplicative as they relate to storage tanks and other equipment used in emissions calculations. There is overlap of single tanks at a well site vs. storage tanks at a central facility. There is no clarity on this. Any overlap of tank emissions calculations or calculations related to other well site equipment artificially increases the calculation of baseline emissions.

Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association appreciates the opportunity to submit comments relative the proposed regulations. If you have any questions about the information presented above, please contact me.

Sincerely, Jared Stevens SOOGA President

Name Company

cc: David Cozzie, USEPA Amy Hambrick, USEPA Karen Marsh, USEPA Peter Tsirigotis, USEPA

# **2022 Board of Trustees Election Candidates**

#### Dan Corcoran

Born in Chillicothe, Ohio, July 30, 1982.

Admitted to practice before the Ohio Supreme Court and the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

Areas of emphasis are oil and gas, collections, and corporate and commercial litigation.

Practicing in Marietta with Theisen Brock since 2008.

Chair, Legal Committee, Southeastern Ohio Oil & Gas Association.

Bachelor of Arts, Ohio Wesleyan University (2005 Summa Cum Laude)

Juris Doctor, the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law (2008 Summa Cum Laude)

Hobbies include musical performance and watching college football.

#### Bob Gerst, Sr.

Bob has been in the oil and gas industry for over 40 years, working for various companies in all aspects. Bob has retired but is very active in SOOGA. He has been a member of SOOGA for over 20 years, Bob is currently on the Crude Oil Committee, the Events Committee and is a currently on the SOOGA Board of Trustees.

#### **Kathy Hill**

Kathy has been in the oil and gas industry for over 30 years. She is currently employed by Ergon Oil Purchasing, Inc. as an Account Manager for 9 years. She graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a BS Degree in Petroleum and Natural Gas Engineering.

Kathy has been a SOOGA board member for 25 years, and held the position of SOOGA President. Kathy is currently chairperson for the Crude Oil Committee, Events Golf Committee and has been the editor of the Insider newsletter for 20 years. She has been recognized with the Workhorse and past President Awards.

Kathy lives in Lowell, OH with her husband, Larry and has five children and 2 grandchildren.

# **Christy Chavez**

Christy has been a SOOGA Board of Trustee member for 11 years. She served on the Executive Committee as an officer from 2012-2020 and served as President from 2017-2018. During her active membership, she has been recognized for her contributions by receiving two SOOGA Workhorse awards.

Christy is the current Managing Member and co-owner of Reno Oil & Gas LLC. She lives in Marietta with her husband Brian and two sons.

### **Casey Fritz**

As soon as I was old enough to walk, I was out tending wells with my father. Growing up in the field lead me to learn a lot about the hours and the resilience it takes to work in the oil industry. In 2005 when I got my drivers license, I started taking care of my own well tending route. Graduated from Philo High School in Muskingum County 2007. Then went on to the University of Akron and graduated in 2013 with my bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. While at university I co-oped with Artex Oil Company part time for 3 years. Currently working full time for Artex Oil Company going on 9 years. My responsibilities at Artex entail ensuring compliance with OSHA, ODNR, and EPA regulations, managing facility and pipeline systems, and being a field supervisor working with contractors in day-to-day operations. I currently live in Norwich Ohio with my wife Erin and 3 sons.



#### SOUTHEASTERN OHIO OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION

#### 2022 OFFICIAL BALLOT

# IN KEEPING WITH ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 OF THE ASSOCIATION'S REGULATIONS, FOLLOW THE SECRET BALLOT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS.

- 1) Your 2022 Membership Dues must be paid; any questions please call the SOOGA office at 740-374-3203.
- 2) You may vote for up to four (4) candidates. This includes any name written in.
- 3) If you vote for more than four (4) candidates, your ballot will NOT be counted.
- 4) Mark an "X" in the box by the name of each candidate you are voting for including any "write-in".
- 5) Please mail your ballot to 2167 State Route 821 Ste. A, Marietta, OH 45750 or email to <a href="mail@sooga.org">mail@sooga.org</a>. You may also vote in person at our Annual Spring Membership meeting on April 21, 2022.
- 6) Election results will be announced on Friday, April 22, 2022 via email.

All mailed in ballots must be received by noon on Wednesday
April 20, 2022 in order to be counted!!!!!

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