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2022 SOOGA Annual Fall Trade Show



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SOOGA held their Annual Fall Trade Show on September 29, 2022 at the Broughton Community Building, after 2 years of canceling the event due to Covid.

It was so nice to see vendor booths setup again and having face to face conversations with our members. This year's agenda consisted of Safety Seminars

such as First Aid/CPR/AED which concluded in certifications. The Legislative Update discussions on Orphan Well Plugging, Methane

Rules, Legal, Education and the Washington County Drug Task Force drew a crowd of over 100 attendees.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone that came out and made the event a success. (See pages 15 through 19)

ODNR Approval of New Cement Types

Due to the climate change narrative, cement suppliers have stopped manufacturing Class A/Type 1 cement effective the summer of 2022. The alternative options are now API Class L and ASTM C595 Type 1L. Because these cements have a slightly different chemistry, there was some base testing done to compare the performance of the new cement to the Class A/Type 1 cements pumped in the past. The thickening time and compressive strength numbers of the new cements are comparable to Class A/Type 1. Based on the test results, ODNR had approved API Class L for well cementing and ASTM C595 Type 1L for plugging operations. Please review the letters from ODNR included in this edition of the Insider for detailed information. These are the same letters handed out by Adam Schroeder with ODNR the day of the SOOGA Trade Show.

Any questions concerning the new cements can be directed to ODNR via the contact information provided in the letters. Since these cements are new, there is no established database. That information will develop over time. The ONDR county inspectors can be a valuable source of information in the field. Coordinating any upcoming cement work with your inspector prior to the project could help you avoid delays and confusion. (Continued to pages 24 through 27)

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THE CROW'S NEST

The leaves are changing, the air is crisp, and football is on every weekend! It is officially fall and with only two more months before 2022 is in the books, it's hard to believe we have almost completed all the calendar events this year.



After two years, we were finally able to hold our annual September Trade

Show. The event was well attended and it was nice to have this event back on the schedule. A
big thank you to all our attendees, sponsors and speakers for making this event possible. I
would also like to express my appreciation for O'Brien Safety Services, Milt Eberly with Buckeye Pipeline and the Marietta Fire Department for hosting our training and certification classes.

The Fall Clay Shoot was also well attended with a total of 64 shooters. We had nice weather for the day and a great lunch by DunWright Smokin BBQ. Thank you to all of our participants and congratulations to the award recipients. We also had our bonus gun drawing for our November Gun Raffle. The winner of this year's bonus gun was Mitch Fouss.

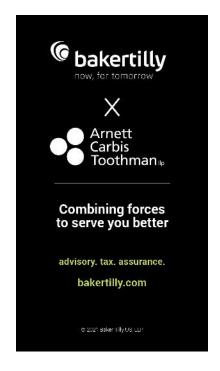
Our last event for the year will be our annual Tax Seminar on November 15th. The virtual format will remain the same and Baker Tilly US, LLP will host again this year. Registrations will be open until November 11th on the SOOGA website. The cost is \$150.00 per person this year for members and \$300.00 per person for non-members. If you have any questions regarding the tax seminar, please contact Billie or Kendra at the SOOGA office.

Lastly, we have our upcoming mid-term elections on November 8th. Please make yourself aware of your local and state candidates as you head out to the polls to vote!

Stand Tall, Stand United and Keep Pushing Forward!

Jared Stevens

President



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2022 SOOGA Calendar of Events

Fall Gun Giveaway

November 1st – 30th 2022

2022 Oil and Natural Gas Tax & Accounting Virtual Seminar

Wednesday, November 16, 2022 9:00am - 4:30pm

2022 OMEGA Tanks Conference Charleston Coliseum & Convention Center

November 10, 2022

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Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association Gas Committee Report October, 2022

Prices October 11, 2022

NYMEX Settle –October, – 2022	<u>\$</u> 6.86
One Year NYMEX strip (Nov. 2022 – Oct. 2023)	\$5.75
Summer NYMEX strip for 2022 (Apr., 2023 - Oct., 2023)	\$5.05
Winter NYMEX strip – 2022 (Nov., 2022 – Mar. 2023)	\$6.72
TCO Index Posting October 2022	\$4.89
TCO Index Posting – October, 2022	\$4.09
DTI Index Posting – October, 2022	\$4.54

October 6. 2022 Storage Report:

Working gas in underground storage, Lower 48 states **Summary CSV JSN**

						Historical Comparisons			
	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)				Year ago (09/02/21)		5-year average (2017-21)		
Region	09/02/22	08/26/22	net change	implied flow	Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change	
East	756	721	35	35	806	-6.2	833	-9.2	
Midwest	916	879	37	37	966	-5.2	970	-5.6	
Mountain	184	176	8	8	205	-10.2	208	-11.5	
Pacific	247	243	4	4	247	0.0	286	-13.6	
South Central	1,003	958	45	45	1,048	-4.3	1,074	-6.6	
Salt	225	204	21	21	256	-12.1	266	-15.4	
Nonsalt	778	754	24	24	792	-1.8	808	-3.7	
Total	3,106	2,977	129	129	3,271	-5.0	3,370	-7.8	
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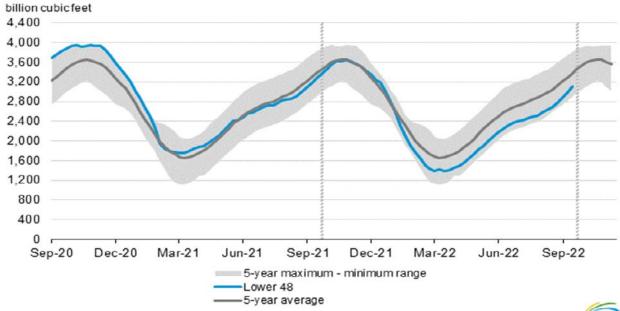
Totals may not equal sum of components because of independent rounding.

Summary

Working gas in storage was 3,106 Bcf as of Friday, September 30, 2022, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 129 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 165 Bcf less than last year at this time and 264 Bcf below the five-year average of 3,370 Bcf. At 3,106 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Prices/Supply/Demand

Supply: According to data from PointLogic, the average total supply of natural gas rose by 0.7% (0.8 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week. Dry natural gas production grew by 0.9% (0.9 Bcf/d) week over week to reach the highest weekly average on record of 100.3 Bcf/d this report week. Average net imports from Canada decreased by 1.4% (0.1 Bcf/d) from last week.

Demand: Total U.S. consumption of natural gas fell by 1.2% (0.8 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week, according to data from PointLogic. Natural gas consumed for power generation declined by 9.3% (3.0 Bcf/d) week over week, the result of lower air-conditioning demand, as seasonal trends switch from cooling to heating demand. Industrial sector consumption increased by 1.6% (0.4 Bcf/d), and in the combined residential and commercial sectors, consumption increased by 16.2% (1.9 Bcf/d). Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 3.5% (0.2 Bcf/d), while natural gas deliveries to U.S. LNG export facilities (LNG pipeline receipts) averaged 11.3 Bcf/d, or 0.3 Bcf/d lower than last week.

North East Prices:

• In the Northeast, at the Algonquin Citygate, which serves <u>Boston-area consumers</u>, the price increased 84 cents from \$5.19/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$6.03/MMBtu yesterday. At the Transcontinental Pipeline Zone 6 trading point for New York City, the price increased \$1.19 from \$4.78/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$5.97/MMBtu yesterday. In the Appalachia region, the Tennessee Zone 4 Marcellus spot price increased \$1.14 from \$4.63/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$5.77/MMBtu yesterday, and the price at Eastern Gas South in southwest Pennsylvania rose 92 cents from \$4.75/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$5.67/MMBtu yesterday. Temperatures in the Northeast region were below normal this week. In the <u>Boston Area</u>, temperatures averaged 55°F, or 4°F lower than normal, leading to 66 heating <u>degree days</u> (HDD), which is 44 more HDDs than last report week. Similarly, in the <u>New York Central Park Area</u>, temperatures averaged 55°F, leading to 69 HDDs, which is 51 more HDDs than last report week. Across the Northeast region, natural gas consumption in the residential and commercial sectors increased by 46% (1.8 Bcf/d) this report week, according to data from PointLogic.

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LNG

- **Pipeline receipts:** Natural gas deliveries to LNG export terminals in South Louisiana increased 3% (0.2 Bcf/d) to 8.4 Bcf/d this report week, while deliveries to terminals in South Texas were relatively flat at 2.4 Bcf/d. Natural gas deliveries to the Cove Point terminal in Maryland fell 71% (0.5 Bcf/d) week over week to a weekly rate of 0.2 Bcf/d, as the terminal began annual planned maintenance activities on October 1. Maintenance is scheduled through October 18, according to an <u>informational posting</u>. Natural gas deliveries to other LNG export terminals were relatively flat week over week. Overall, natural gas deliveries to U.S. LNG export terminals averaged 11.3 Bcf/d this report week, which is 3% (0.3 Bcf/d) less than last report week.
- **Vessels departing U.S. ports:** Twenty LNG vessels (seven from Sabine Pass, four each from Calcasieu Pass and Corpus Christi, three from Cameron, and one each from Cove Point and Elba Island) with a combined LNG-carrying capacity of 75 Bcf departed the



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West Virginia Update

By: Bob Matthey

Competitive Power Ventures of Maryland has proposed to build a 3 billion dollar natural gas fired power plant (1800 - megawatt combined) that will use carbon capture and sequestration technology to control greenhouse gas emissions. Thanks to the passing of the Inflation Reduction Act. This project would produce the guarantee of a 10 year investment with investment credits and production tax credits.

It appears, currently, that this project will be close to Blandville WV in Doddridge County. This is close to the Mark West plants at Sherwood and Snowbird Road, and the Trans Canada Processing plant on Route 18. Land, in the area, is being purchased for over \$100,000 dollars per acre.

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GAS PRICING 2022

SEPTEMBER 2022

NYMEX Settlement: \$9.353
Inside FERC/EG SP/DTI: \$7.900 (Basis: -\$1.453)
Inside FERC/TCO:\$8.030 (Basis: -\$1.323)

OCTOBER 2022

NYMEX Settlement: \$6.868
Inside FERC/DTI: \$4.540 (Basis: -\$2.328)
Inside FERC/TCO:\$4.890 (Basis: -\$1.978)

OIL PRICING 2022

ERGON OIL PURCHASING WEST VIRGINIA MONTHLY AVERAGE

AUGUST Ohio Tier 1: \$90.4181
AUGUST Ohio Tier 2: \$87.4181
AUGUST Ohio Tier 3: \$85.4181
AUGUST West Virginia Tier 1: \$90.4181
AUGUST West Virginia Tier 2: \$87.4161
AUGUST West Virginia Tier 3: \$85.4181
AUGUST Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$76.4181
AUGUST Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$90.4181
AUGUST Marcellus/Utica Light: \$81.4181

SEPTEMBER Ohio Tier 1: \$83.0577
SEPTEMBER Ohio Tier 2: \$80.0577
SEPTEMBER Ohio Tier 3: \$78.0577
SEPTEMBER West Virginia Tier 1: \$83.0577
SEPTEMBER West Virginia Tier 2: \$80.0577
SEPTEMBERJULY West Virginia Tier 3: \$78.0577
SEPTEMBER Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$69.0577
SEPTEMBER Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$83.0577
SEPTEMBER Marcellus/Utica Light: \$74.0577

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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 2022

AMERICAN REFINING GROUP AVERAGE

8/21 to 8/31 Group 1 OH: \$91.68

Group 2 OH: \$88.68

Group 3 OH: \$86.88

9/01 to 9/10 Group 1 OH: \$85.00

Group 2 OH: \$82.00

Group 3 OH: \$80.00

9/11 to 9/20 Group 1 OH:\$85.10

Group 2 OH: \$82.10

Group 3 OH: \$80.10

9/21 to 9/30 Group 1 OH:\$79.07

Group 2 OH: \$76.07

Group 3 OH: \$74.07

10/01 to 10/10 Group 1 OH: \$86.44

Group 2 OH: \$83.44

Group 3 OH: \$81.44

10/11 to 10/20 Group 1 OH: \$85.24

Group 2 OH: \$82.24

Group 3 OH: \$80.24

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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Obituaries



Jeremy Neil Cassidy, 44, of Belpre, passed away at 10:07 pm Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at Camden Clark Hospital. He was born on September 30, 1978, in Marietta to Neil Cassidy and Joyce Nolen Kapple.

Jeremy was employed by Stonebridge Oil Field Services. He was a graduate of Marietta High School, Class of 1997, attended Washington County Career Center and was a member of MOVe Ministries. He was Assistant Fire Chief for Dunham Township Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, mudding and helping others and was involved in his community.

Jeremy is survived by his father Neil and stepmother Sandra Cassidy of Barlow, mother Joyce and stepfather Eddy Kapple of Belpre, sister Christine (Rick) Wilson of Parkersburg, his girlfriend Malissa Divito and her children, Dana and Clay Perry, stepbrother Brian (Jenn) Kapple, stepsister Kristine (Joe) Crowe and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by grandparents: Carl and Virginia Cassidy and James and Vera Nolen.

Jeremy's family would like to extend their thanks to the friends, neighbors, community and loved ones who supported Jeremy and our family through these last few months. We give special thanks to Eddy Biehl of Stonebridge Oilfield Services for his overwhelming support of Jeremy while the times were tough. Also, special thanks goes out to Ernie Hoschar and the Dunham Fire Department in working hard to get donations to help Jeremy with his medical costs. Special thanks is also given to the Warren Lady Warriors Volleyball team for choosing Jeremy as the recipient of the Volley for the Cure program. Our thanks also goes out to all the doctors and staff at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital, Ruby Memorial Hospital, Selby Hospital and Amedisys for the compassionate care Jeremy received during his stay.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dunham Fire Department in Jeremy's honor.



Gary H. Smith, age 58, of Nashport,
Ohio, died Thursday, October 6, 2022,
at his home. He was born May 24,
1964, in Marietta, son of Gerald H.
Smith of Macksburg and the late Judith
A. Knight Smith. Gary attended Cald-

well High School and was employed as a rig superintendent for Kilbarger Drilling in Logan. He enjoyed camping, tinkering in his garage, and watching old westerns. He was devoted to his family, especially his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Yvonne G. Hesson Smith, whom he married July 7, 1984; two sons, Christofer T. (Stephanie) Smith of Athens and Brent M. (Beth) Smith of Reynoldsburg; five grandchildren, Solomon Smith, Adelaide Smith, Gabriel Smith, Ivory Smith, and Boaz Smith; his siblings, James (Sue) Basham of Caldwell, Jody Basham of Macksburg, and Gerald (Myra) Smith of Lower Salem; a special aunt, Ruth Gildow; and several other aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity one's choice. An online guestbook may be signed at www.mcvay-perkins.com

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Obituary



David Richard Duffy, 62, of Logan, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, August 30, 2022. Dave was born on May 21, 1960, in Nelsonville, the son of the late

Paul Richard and Betty Jane (Sabo) Duffy. He spent 40 wonderful years together with Pam (Jones) Duffy, who survives.

Dave was the owner and operator of Dave's Mobile Power Wash, primarily in oil field service. He was passionate about hard work and generosity. He enjoyed hunting and being outdoors.

In addition to his wife, Dave is survived by his son, Ryan Duffy of Galloway; sister, Jackie (James) Duffy-Wayne of Hebron; nephew, Kevin Storkan of Chico, California; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. Dave was preceded in death by his parents and niece, Jessica Storkan.

The family suggest donations be made in memory of Dave to a charity of the donor's choice.



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Our industry has experienced its' share of highs and lows. Currently we are in the midst of unprecedented challenges. The issues at hand, whether regulatory, environmental or economic, are challenges aimed at the way we do business and will impact our livelihood.

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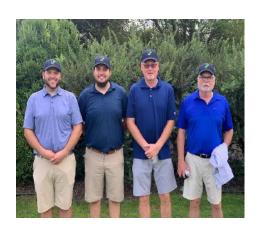


















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Memorandum

Re: Cements approved for plugging orphan wells

From: Eric Vendel, Chief

Date: September 2, 2022

Orphan Well Program Plugging Contractors:

Background

Existing orphan well program contracts specify the use API Class "A" cement or ASTM C150 Type I cement. Most if not all current suppliers of API Class A cement have ceased production of Class A cement and are replacing it with API Class L cement. Furthermore, most if not all current suppliers of ASTM C150 Type I cement ceased production of this material are replacing it with ASTM C595 Type 1L cement.

Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 (C) states in part that "[c]ement used to plug a well may only be cement manufactured to meet API "10A Specification for Cements and Materials for Well Cementing" unless otherwise specified in this rule or approved by the chief in writing."

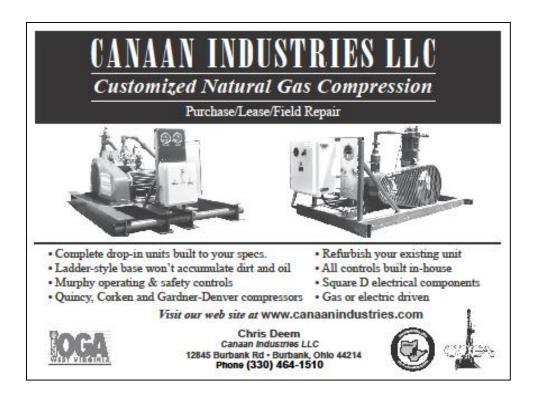
Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 (C) allows the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to approve, in writing, cements that may be used to plug a well. On March 1, 2022 the Chief issued a memorandum approving cement manufactured to meet the standards of ASTM "C150/C150M Standard Specification for Portland Cement" may be used to plug a well.

Approval conditions

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 (C) and subject to the conditions set forth below, this memorandum is approval to plug wells using API Class L cement for orphan well plugging projects awarded prior to the date of this memorandum instead of using API Class A cement as specified in the award. In addition, this memorandum is approval to plug wells using ASTM C595 Type 1L cement for orphan well plugging projects awarded prior to the date of this memorandum instead of using ASTM C150 Type I cement as specified in the award.

When using API Class L cement or ASTM C595 Type 1L cement, all the following conditions apply:

- Notification must be provided to the applicable Division inspector at least 24 hours prior to
 use and the inspector must approve of any proposed changes to the cement composition
 from that required in an awarded orphan well plugging contract.
- Mill test information must be provided to the applicable Division inspector prior to
 utilization of API Class L cement or ASTM C595 Type 1L cement. The mill test
 information must be of a representative sample of the mixture of cement proposed to be
 used to plug the well. A person is not required to provide the mill test information if the
 Division already has the mill test information of the mixture of cement for a batch.
- Performance data shall be provided in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code 1501:911-07 prior to usage. To determine if Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 is met, test
 results shall include at a minimum slurry density, composition, compressive strength, free
 fluids, thickening time, curing pressure, and curing temperature. The data also shall include
 percent limestone and percent pozzolan material.
- For blended cement containing limestone and pozzolanic material, the combination of the materials shall not exceed fifty per cent by volume.
- A sample of at least 20lbs representative of the of cement mixture proposed to be used in a well must be provided to the Division at the request of the Chief.
- A person using API Class L cement or ASTM C595 Type 1L cement shall leave the
 plugged well in a manner that will allow for further inspection past the contract requirement
 of three days after the completion of the uppermost plug unless the applicable Division
 inspector determines that the contract requirement of three days is sufficient.





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Memorandum

Re: Approval of ASTM C595/C595M Type 1L cement for well plugging and approval of API "10A Specification for Cements and Materials for Well Cementing" Class L cement for well construction and plugging

From: Eric Vendel, Chief

Date: September 2, 2022

To whom it may concern:

Background

Most if not all current suppliers of API Class A cement have ceased production of Class A cement and are replacing it with API Class L cement. Furthermore, most if not all current suppliers of ASTM C150 Type I cement ceased production of this material are replacing it with ASTM C595 Type 1L cement.

Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 (C) states in part that "[c]ement used to plug a well may only be cement manufactured to meet API "10A Specification for Cements and Materials for Well Cementing" unless otherwise specified in this rule or approved by the chief in writing."

Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 (C) allows the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to approve, in writing, cements that may be used to plug a well. On March 1, 2022 the Chief issued a memorandum approving cement manufactured to meet the standards of ASTM "C150/C150M Standard Specification for Portland Cement" may be used to plug a well.

Approval conditions

Type 1L Cement

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 (C) and subject to the conditions set forth below, this memorandum is approval only to plug wells using ASTM C595 Type 1L cement.

When using ASTM C595 Type 1L cement, all the following conditions apply:

- Notification must be provided to the applicable Division inspector at least 24 hours prior to use and the inspector must approve of any proposed changes to the cement composition from that required in a permit.
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- Mill test information must be provided to the applicable Division inspector prior to
 utilization of ASTM C595 Type 1L cement. The mill test information must be of a
 representative sample of the mixture of cement proposed to be used to plug the well. A
 person is not required to provide the mill test information if the Division already has the mill
 test information of the mixture of cement for a batch.
- Performance data shall be provided in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code 1501:911-07 prior to usage. To determine if Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 is met, test
 results shall include at a minimum slurry density, composition, compressive strength, free
 fluids, thickening time, curing pressure, and curing temperature. The data also shall include
 percent limestone material.
- For blended cement containing limestone and pozzolanic material, the combination of the materials shall not exceed fifty per cent by volume.
- A sample of at least 20lbs representative of the of cement mixture proposed to be used in a
 well must be provided to the Division at the request of the Chief.
- A person using ASTM C595 Type 1L cement shall leave the plugged well in a manner that will allow for further inspection per Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11, which may be more than 3 business days.

Class L Cement

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 (C), Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-1-08 (J), and subject to the conditions set forth below, this memorandum is approval to use API "10A Specification for Cements and Materials for Well Cementing" Class L cement.

When using API Class L cement, all the following conditions apply:

- Notification must be provided to the applicable Division inspector at least 24 hours prior to
 use and the inspector must approve of any proposed changes to the cement composition
 from that required in a permit.
- Mill test information must be provided to the applicable Division inspector prior to
 utilization of Class L cement. The mill test information must be of a representative sample
 of the mixture of cement proposed to be used to plug the well. A person is not required to
 provide the mill test information if the Division already has the mill test information of the
 mixture of cement for a batch.
- Performance data shall be provided in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 and Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-1-08 prior to usage. To determine if Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11-07 and Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-1-08 is met, test results shall include at a minimum slurry density, composition, compressive strength, free fluids, thickening time, curing pressure, and curing temperature. The data also shall include percent limestone and pozzolanic material.
- For blended cement containing limestone and pozzolanic material, the combination of the materials shall not exceed fifty per cent by volume.
- A sample of at least 20lbs representative of the of cement mixture proposed to be used in a
 well must be provided to the Division at the request of the Chief.
- A person using API Class L cement shall leave the plugged well in a manner that will allow for further inspection per Ohio Administrative Code 1501:9-11, which may be more than 3 business days.
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