

CONSENT AGREEMENT

This Consent Agreement is by and between Mark Lytle, the president of Buckeye Oil Producing Company and the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas ("Division").

WHEREAS, the Chief of the Division is charged with the responsibility of administering, implementing and enforcing Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) Chapter 1509 and Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) Chapter 1501; and,

WHEREAS, Mark Lytle as president of Buckeye Oil Producing conducts business in the State of Ohio and is a "person" as that term is defined in O.R.C. 1509.01(T) and O.R.C. 1.59; and,

WHEREAS, Mark Lytle as president of Buckeye Oil Producing is the owner and operator, as those terms are defined in O.R.C. Chapter 1509 of the Oil and Gas well known as the Christman #1, Permit Number 5325, located in Franklin Township, Wayne County, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 1509.22(A) prohibits any person from placing brine or causing brine to be placed in surface or ground water or in or on the land in such quantities or manner as actually causes or could reasonably be anticipated to cause damage or injury to public health or safety or the environment; and,

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 1509.22(B) prohibits any person from storing or disposing of brine in violation of an approved plan; and,

WHEREAS, O.R.C. 1509.22(C)(3) requires that a dike or pit used to contain brine shall be constructed and maintained to prevent the escape of brine and waste substances; and,

WHEREAS, an inspection by the Division on February 15, 2000, showed evidence of brine and drilling soap leaching outside of the drilling pit and samples showed brine and drilling soap in the Christman waterwell; and,

WHEREAS, the disposal of brine in such manner was in violation of O.R.C. 1509.22(A); R.C. 1509.22(B) and R.C. 1509.22(C)(3); and,

NOW, THEREFORE

1.) Mark Lytle as president of Buckeye Oil Producing shall pay Seventy-Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) to the Division for the above discussed violations at the Christman #1 well.

Payment of the total Seventy-Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00) now due shall be made by the delivery of a certified check for that amount, payable to the order of "Treasurer, State of Ohio, "to counsel for the Division, Assistant Attorney General Raymong J. Studer, at the Division of Oil and Gas, Building B-3, 4383 Fountain Square Court, Columbus, Ohio 43224, by February 18, 2000.

2.) All pollution and contamination at the site will be removed pursuant to the requirements of O.R.C. Chapter 1509 and O.A.C. Chapter 1501 by February 18, 2000.

3.) This Consent Agreement shall not be construed to limit the ability of the Division to take the appropriate action to enforce the provisions of O.R.C. Chapter 1509 and O.A.C. Chapter 1501 regarding other violations of those Chapters or for breach of this Agreement.

4.) This Consent Agreement shall become effective upon the signature of the Director, Department of Natural Resources.

Signed and subscribed on behalf of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Consent Agreement in three counterparts, each of which may be considered an original without the presentation of the other. The parties hereby acknowledge that they have read this Consent Agreement and understand its terms, and intend to be fully bound thereby.

AGREED:

Buckeye Oil Producing Company

By: Mark Lytle
MARK LYTLE, President
of Buckeye Oil Producing Company
P.O. Box 129
Wooster, Ohio 44691

2-17-00
DATE

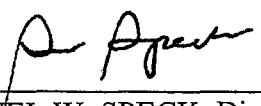
AGREED:

STATE OF OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS

By: Thomas G. Tugend
THOMAS G. TUGEND, Chief
Division of Oil and Gas
4383 Fountain Square, Bldg. B-3
Columbus, Ohio 43224

2-18-00
DATE

By:



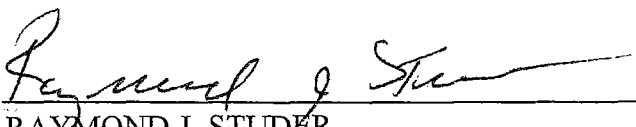
SAMUEL W. SPECK, Director
Department of Natural Resources
1930 Belcher Drive, Bldg. D-3
Columbus, Ohio 43224

2/25/00

DATE

APPROVED:

By:



RAYMOND J. STUDER
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Enforcement Section
Division of Oil and Gas
4383 Fountain Square, Bldg. B-3
Columbus, Ohio 43224

2/18/00

DATE