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***** MEMORANDUM *****

TO: All Operators
FROM: James A. Martin, Chief
DATE: August 10, 2010
RE: New requirements under W. Va. Code § 22-6-22

In 2010, the West Virginia Legislature amended W. Va. Code § 22-6-22, affecting an operator's obligations to file a completion report, or WR-35. The statute now requires that operators provide both the Office of Oil and Gas and the West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey ("GES") a completion report containing: "The character, depth and thickness of geological formations encountered, including fresh water, coal seams, mineral beds, brine and oil and gas bearing formation." GES's copy of the completion report shall be sent directly to:

West Virginia Geological and Economic Survey
Mont Chateau Research Center
1 Mont Chateau Road
Morgantown, WV 26508-8079

The WR-35 form was also changed. Under the amended statute, if an operator makes a mechanical, electrical or geophysical log, the Office of Oil and Gas may request a copy of such log. Thus, the WR-35 now requires the operator to disclose if such a logging occurred.

Additionally, as part of the WR-35 the operator is required to disclose whether core samples were taken or cuttings were collected. If so, the operator is required to provide the GES with core samples and/or cuttings.

While supplying the WR-35 to the WVGES is mandatory, at this time any additional *information* (including mechanical, electrical or geophysical logs, core samples or cuttings) will be requested directly from the WVGES. If you are selected to supply core samples, cuttings or any other information, you will receive notification and instructions from the WVGES.

If you have any further questions, contact the Office of Oil and Gas at 304-926-0450.