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## MEMORANDUM

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TO: Chairman Christi Craddick

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Commissioner Jim Wright

THROUGH: Wei Wang, Executive Director

Danny Sorrells, Assistant Executive Director

Director, Oil and Gas Division

FROM: Clay Woodul, Assistant Director

Field Operations

DATE: October 24, 2023

SUBJECT: Oil Field Cleanup Program Quarterly Status Report, Fiscal Year 2023, 4th Quarter

Well Plugging: The 4th quarter performance for State-Managed Plugging includes 393 wells plugged with a total expenditure of \$10,609,834 using Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup (OGRC) funds. 126 wells were plugged with a total expenditure of \$5,558,854 using Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Federal grant funds. This includes wells that have been physically plugged, invoiced by the plugging contractor, and approved for payment by Field Operations. Additionally, during the 4th quarter Field Operations approved 429 wells for plugging. A total of 1754 wells were physically plugged through the end of the 4th quarter, of which, 1750 have been invoiced and paid. The actual wells plugged and expenditure by district for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 and the well plugging goals by district for fiscal year 2023 are shown on the attached graphs. The fiscal year 2023 budget was \$55,140,824 which consists of \$28,850,000 in OGRC funds, \$1,873,000 for the federal NPS Big Thicket project, and \$24,417,824 in IIJA grant funds.

**Site Remediation:** The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter performance for Site Remediation includes 64 cleanup activities completed with a total expenditure of \$7,019,680.25 using OGRC funds, 3 completed with a total expenditure of \$57,685.20 using Brownfield 128a Grant funds, and 2 completed with a total expenditure of \$90,766.34 using IIJA Federal grant funds for Brownfield activities. Additionally, during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 22 cleanup activities were authorized for cleanup with State funds. Through the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Site Remediation has completed and formally closed a total of 239 cleanup activities of which 234 were completed using OGRC funds, 3 were completed using Brownfield 128a Grant funds, and 2 completed using IIJA Federal grant funds. The actual remediation activities and expenditure by district for fiscal years 2022, and 2023 and the goals for the Site Remediation activities by district for fiscal year 2023 are shown on the attached graphs. The fiscal year 2023 budget was \$11,865,000 which consists of \$11,650,000 in OGRC funds, \$60,000 in Brownfield 128a grant funds, and \$155,000 in IIJA grant funds.

Attachments:

cc Wei Wang, Executive Director
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