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R.C. 121.93 Required Report

- 1) **Date: 4/5/23**
- 2) **Agency: Oil & Gas Commission**
- 3) **Agency Contact**
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- 4) Provide the number of operations reviews that your agency completed during the governor's recently expired term.

One
- 5) List any principles of law or policies described in [R.C. 121.93\(A\)](#) that your agency identified in your operations review(s).

The Oil & Gas Commission is an administrative review board, created to adjudicate appeals taken by persons and entities claiming to be adversely affected by orders of the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management. The Commission does not possess any independent regulatory, permitting, or enforcement authority. The Commission's composition and jurisdiction is specifically defined, and limited, by statute. (See R.C. 1509.35-1509.37).

In contrast, the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management is the regulatory authority for oil and gas operations within the State of Ohio. The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management – not the Commission – is the sole authority for the adoption of rules that regulate oil and gas operations in the State of Ohio. (See R.C. 1509.03).

The Commission's authority is limited to the processing and decision of administrative appeals taken from orders issued by the Division. The Commission's rules of procedure (O.A.C. 1509-1-01 through O.A.C. 1509-1-26) establish an impartial, efficient, and orderly appeal process. These rules are not regulatory; they are internal to the administration of

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appeals before the Commission. The Commission has no formally adopted or informal policies.

The Commission completed this review and identified no principles of law or policy that have not been stated in a rule.

- 6) Describe your agency's considerations regarding the identified principles of law or policies under [R.C. 121.93\(B\)](#).

The Commission reviewed its rules and operations to identify principles of law or policy that have not been stated in a rule which the Commission relies upon in conducting adjudications or other determinations of rights and liabilities or issuing writings and other materials, such as instructions, directives, policy statements, guidelines, handbooks, manuals, advisories, notices, circulars, advertisements, forms, letters, and opinions. The Commission has none of these.

- 7) List any principles of law or policies for which your agency determined rulemaking is indicated or for which your agency has commenced the rulemaking process under [R.C. 121.93\(C\)](#).

Not Applicable.