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PLUGGING PRIORITIZATION SCHEDULE FOR ORPHANED AND ABANDONED WELL SITES

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PREFACE

The Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) recognizes the pressing need for the plugging and abandonment of orphaned and idle wells. The need has also been recognized by the Congress of the United States and federal funds have been authorized to aid in this national project.

This project is designed to bring partnership between federal and state governments to properly plug and abandon orphaned wells and restore the well sites. The management and accountability practices for the matching funds program reside within the IOGCC and include expenditure documentation consistent with existing state plugging programs.

The adoption of a consistent prioritization schedule by the IOGCC, for both single and multiple well abandonment, will aid in the fair, systemized allocation of matching funds to those oil and gas regulatory programs demonstrating need.

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GENERAL WELL DATA

Lease Description	
Well Name:	API No:
Priority:	
Operator (Last Recorded):	Financial Security:
Legal Location:	County / Parish:
Location in Section:	
Well Vintage:	Inactive Period:
Type of Well (Oil / Gas / UIC / Other):	
Surface Condition: (Note presence of any equipment)	
Subsurface Condition: (Note presence of any equipment)	
Estimated Gross Plugging / Remediation Cost: Requested Funds: State Matching Funds: State Agency: By: Signature _____ Name _____ Title _____ Date _____	Approved Matching Funds: Amount: By: IOGCC Signature _____ Name _____ Title _____ Date _____

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MULTI-WELL FIELD/AREA DATA

Lease Description	
Field/Area Name:	
Priority (Worst Well Data):	
Operator (Last Recorded):	Financial Security:
Number of Wells:	Number of Acres Affected:
Legal Location:	County / Parish:
Well Vintage:	Inactive Period:
Type of Well (Oil / Gas / UIC / Other):	
Surface Condition: (Note presence of any equipment)	
Subsurface Condition: (Note presence of any equipment)	
Estimated Gross Plugging / Remediation Cost:	Approved Matching Funds:
Requested Funds:	Amount:
State Matching Funds:	
State Agency:	
By:	By:
Signature _____	IOGCC Signature _____
Name _____	Name _____
Title _____	Title _____
Date _____	Date _____

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SCORE SHEET FOR WELL PLUGGING AND LOCATION RESTORATION PRIORITIZATION

Score Sheet for Type of Threat			
Well or Field/Area Name:			
Item	Factors to be Considered	Remarks	Points
7. Well Within 300 Feet	Public Building/Residence Public Water Supply Surface Water/Wetland Sensitive Flora/Fauna Sentitive Environmental Area		
8. Well Within 1,320 Feet (Circle applicable types)	Public Building/Residence Public Water Supply Surface Water/Wetland Sensitive Flora/Fauna Sentitive Environmental Area		
9. Land Use and Ownership (Circle applicable types)	Crop Pasture Forestry Fee State Federal		
10. Problems with Accessibility of Well (Circle applicable conditions)	Hillside Ravine Migrating Stream Urban Restrictions Other (Explain)		
Notes (Give detailed description of other location hazards)			
Points This Page			
Points From Previous Page			
TOTAL SCORE			

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WELL PLUGGING AND LOCATION RESTORATION PRIORITIZATION SYSTEM

Item No.	Factors to be Considered	Points	Hazard H/S/E*
1a	Leaking Well with Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Present and at Potentially Dangerous Levels	50	H/S
1b	Leaking Well-Natural Gas-within 100 feet of Public Building or Residence	35	S
1c	Leaking Well - Natural Gas	30	S
1d	Leaking Well - Produced Fluids> 1 BBL/Day	30	E
1e	Leaking Well - Produced Fluids < 1 BBL/Day	10	E
2a	Hazard to Navigation - Well Submerged or at Surface	30	H/S
2b	Hazard to Navigation-Well in Navigable Waterway-Shipping or Boat Hazard	20	H/S
2c	Well in Any Body of Water - Creek, River, Swamp, Wetland	10	E
3a	Well not Leaking but Unknown Pressure on Tubing or Casing Strings	25	H/S
3b	Well not Leaking but Pressure on Tubing or Casing > 200 psig	20	H/S
3c	Well not Leaking but Pressure on Tubing or Casing < 200 psig	15	H/S
3d	Well not Leaking but with Fluid Level Capable of Contaminating Aquifer	10	E
4	Site with Substantial Impact for Oil, Grease, Saltwater or NORM or Other	5	E
5	Well Without Wellhead	5	S/E
6	Well Without Production Casing	4	S/E
7a	Well Within 300 feet of Public Building or Residence	8	H/S
7b	Well Within 300 feet of Public Water Supply, Groundwater or Surface Water	7	H
7c	Well Within 300 feet of Surface Water or Wetland	6	E
7d	Well Within 300 feet of Habitat of Endangered, Threatened, or Rare Flora/Fauna	5	E
7e	Well Within 300 feet of Sensitive Water Environmental Area	3	E
8a	Well Within 1,320 feet of Public Building or Residence	4	H/S
8b	Well Within 1,320 feet of Public Water Supply - Groundwater or Surface Water	3	H
8c	Well Within 1,320 feet of Surface Water or Wetland	2	E
8d	Well Within 1,320 feet of Sensitive Environmental Area	3	E
9	Well on Lands Used for Crops or Pasture	1	E
10a	Well With Accessibility Problems Due to Topography	5	E
10b	Well With Accessibility Problems Due to Urbanization	5	S/E

*Health / Safety / Environment

Priority Table	
Priority Based on Points	Cumulative Points
Priority 1	>30
Priority 2	>19
Priority 3	>10
Priority 4	10 and Under