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July 14, 2026

The Honorable Patrick Morrissey, Governor
State Capitol Complex
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Governor Morrissey:

Attached is a compilation of receipts and expenditures for the Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund and the Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund for the period June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, as required pursuant to WV Codes §§ 22-6-29(b) and 22-6-29a, respectively.

Regarding the Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund, **\$1,346,114** was collected and deposited into the fund from permit fees and other revenue sources. Expenditures from the fund were **\$738,929** which covered 5 abandoned well plugging projects, 2 emergency oil infrastructure cleanup projects, personal services and vehicle maintenance associated with the Abandoned Well Plugging Program (ABWP).

Regarding the Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund, **\$2,180,986** was collected and deposited into the fund from severance taxes and other revenue sources. Expenditures from the fund were **\$5,963,557** which covered personal services associated with the ABWP and the plugging of 98 abandoned wells and 1 reclamation project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (304) 926-0499, extension 41102.

Sincerely,

H. Jason
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Chief

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Fund 3322 - Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund

Beginning Cash at June 1, 2025			\$4,112,160
Revenues:			
	Bond forfeitures	\$0	
	Well Work Permit Fees	\$1,346,114	
	Miscellaneous	\$0	
TOTAL REVENUE			\$1,346,114
Expenditures:			
	Personal Services & Benefits	(\$98,033)	
	Reclamation of Oil & Gas Wells	(\$386,895)	
	Miscellaneous/Settlement	(\$254,000)	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			(\$738,929)
Ending Cash at May 31, 2026			<u><u>\$4,719,345</u></u>

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Fund 3334 - Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Fund

Beginning Cash at June 1, 2025	\$12,043,163
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Revenues:

Settlement	\$250,780
Severance Taxes	<u>\$1,930,206</u>

TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,180,986
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Expenditures:

Personal Services & Benefits	(\$176,494)
Plugged Abandoned Oil & Gas Wells	(\$5,787,062)
Miscellaneous	<u>\$0</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	(\$5,963,557)
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Ending Cash at May 31, 2026	<u>\$8,260,592</u>
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<u>API NUMBER</u>	<u>WELL NUMBER</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
4703306116	RAIKE, WALTER 3	Harrison
4703902416	PLAUGHER, STANFORD L & BARBARA T 71343	Kanawha
4703906415	GRIPPER, VICKI L. & ROBERT S. THORNE JR. 49-71769	Kanawha
4704500533	DINSMORE, ROBERT D. 1	Logan
4709902242	SINNETT, HENRY W. JR. & BRENDA K. 70101	Wayne
APO DEP26*178	Ritchie County AST Cleanup (Emergency)	Ritchie
APO DEP26*471	Tyler County Emergency Oil Tank Cleanup (Emergency)	Tyler
APO DEP26*084	Reed Ventures Reclamation Project (Reclamation)	Gilmer
4701300014	FREEMAN, JOSEPH 1-S-4557	Calhoun
4701300123	JACKSON, ROBERT P., ETAL 3	Calhoun
4701300650	WRIGHT, KIMBERLY WRIGHT KANSAS L Wright 1	Calhoun
4701302135	COWDERY, ROGER K. & LUCINDA J. 1	Calhoun
4701304751	ASH, CARL E & MICAYLA D 71270	Calhoun
4701304753	CALOCCIA WILLIAM ROMEO 71292	Calhoun
4701304754	JOHNSON, SUSIE SUSIE JOHNSON 2	Calhoun
4701304755	SKEELES, CHRISTOPHER LEE 1	Calhoun
4701304756	LEMLEY BRETT ALAN ET AL SLE LEMLEY WILLIAM H SR ET U	Calhoun
4701304757	BURNS, MARY 1	Calhoun
4701304758	FLUHART, EVALUE B 71392	Calhoun
4701304760	HOVATTER, RICHARD G JR. & MINDY M 49-71684	Calhoun
4701304761	SIMS, JAMES E & SHEILA 90596	Calhoun
4701700480	EPPELY, PAUL EPPELY 504	Doddridge
4702900145	MAHONE HEIRS 29	Hancock
4702900146	BUNTING, STERLING R. AND CAROLYN S. 1	Hancock
4702900147	BUNTING, STERLING R. & CAROLYN s. 8	Hancock
4702900148	AMODIO, BRITNEY J & JEREMY J ROSS 71283	Hancock
4702900149	CALOCCIA WILLIAM ROMEO 71291	Hancock
4702900151	JOY JAMES JOSEPH ET UX 90152	Hancock
4702900152	JOY JAMES JOSEPH ET UX 2	Hancock
4702900153	PARKER, ALLEN & A FAY 71396	Hancock
4702900154	PARKER, DENZIL L & EMMA L (LIFE 112-920) 71394	Hancock
4702900155	TOOTHMAN, STANLEY H & LORNA D 71407	Hancock
4702900156	PROUDFOOT, EVERETT 4223	Hancock
4702900157	Dayna and Donald Gunn 80105	Hancock
4702900158	MELLINGER, DELSIE 2	Hancock
4702900161	BUNTING, STERLING R. & CAROLYN S. 3	Hancock
4702900163	BARNETT, IRA T L/E BARNETT, MICHAEL; GARVEY YVONNE	Hancock
4702900164	AMODIO, BRITNEY J & JEREMY R ROSS 71286	Hancock
4702900165	CALOCCIA WILLIAM ROMEO 71287	Hancock
4703300094	PATTERSON, THEODORE DEAN, ET ALS 90153	Harrison
4703300409	DAVIS, KIMBERLY 90164	Harrison
4703305993	SWIGER, GEORGE W. 11	Harrison
4703305994	TALKINGTON UNITED FAMILY FARM, LLC 50002	Harrison



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Abandoned Well Plugging Program – 5-year plan

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 22-6-29A(b)(3), the WVDEP shall submit to the Governor and the Legislature an annual report which includes a five-year plan detailing current and future projects and activities to plug and reclaim abandoned wells. For Fiscal years 2027-2031, the Office of Oil and Gas Abandoned Well Plugging Program (ABWP) will continue to expend monies from the Oil and Gas Reclamation and the Abandoned Well Plugging Funds (W. Va. Code §§ 22-6-29 and 22-6-29A) to help achieve the Office's mission to restore abandoned oil and gas sites.

In general, the Office of Oil and Gas will continue to locate, identify, and inspect abandoned wells. On a priority basis, the Abandoned Well Plugging Program will prepare solicitations for well plugging projects. Current estimates project average combined annual revenues from these funds of approximately \$6 million. ABWP will continue to focus on prioritized well plugging projects ranging in size from 1 to 30 wells. In doing so, OOG hopes to appeal to the widest variety of plugging contractors. ABWP anticipates plugging approximately 100 abandoned wells annually from the combined state revenue sources.

In addition to state funding sources, DEP has also been awarded a \$117 million formula grant (with phased distribution) and is eligible for up to \$30 million in additional matching grants from the U.S. Department of the Interior through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to plug orphaned, abandoned wells, all of which is expected to be disbursed by FY2031. DEP will continue to be eligible for, and pursue, additional federal grants through IIJA and will pursue these funding opportunities as they are made available.

In total, OOG anticipates an average total annual budget of approximately \$33 million for the purpose of plugging abandoned wells. Over the five-year period FY2027-2031, DEP expects to plug and reclaim a total of approximately 1,200 abandoned wells and wellsites.

OOG has recently added an Environmental Resources Specialist position to accelerate and improve the development of new abandoned well plugging contracts.