



**By Resolution of the Board of Directors of Coshocton Environmental and Community Awareness Inc. (CECA)**

**WHEREAS**, CECA has found that hosting injection wells provides no known benefit to the community, no guarantees of compensation and no sustainable financial, business or community betterment opportunities for the county; and

**WHEREAS**, CECA has found that injection wells subject the families and taxpayers of the local communities in which they operate to major risks including health problems, unrecoverable damage to property, resources, and drinking water, and long term financial obligations to mitigate damage to the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has noted that radioactive materials have been found in “fairly high concentrations” in liquid waste associated with the oil/gas operations; and

**WHEREAS**, wastewater from shale fuel extraction contains toxic levels of contaminants in unknown volumes and concentrations of undisclosed chemical additives from fracking fluid as well as contaminants from underground sources of radium 226 that may exceed 300 times the permitted industrial effluent discharge levels and 3600 times levels permitted in drinking water standards; and

**WHEREAS**, Buckeye Brine is proposing to allow differently classed wells to share a common injection zone stating that “Class I wastes injected into the Adams #3 well in the future will be interacting initially with the injected produced saltwater”, while in fact dissimilar wastes will be mixed continually because the injection zone is shared by all three differently permitted wells at the site; and

**WHEREAS**, there are 27 existing oil and gas wells within the Area of Review around the well site that pose threats according to language in the permit application that states - “...wells with a total depth of greater than 5200 feet below ground level would be considered to potentially interact with the materials placed in the injection interval,”; and

**WHEREAS**, if Buckeye Brine is permitted to operate different classes of wells that share a common well site and injection interval; under the control of separate regulatory agencies using different rules and standards; and mixing dissimilar wastewaters underground, some with unknown constituents, then it becomes impossible to correctly determine what regulatory agency takes jurisdiction and which rules apply in the event of a spill or underground contamination; and

**WHEREAS**, given that Class I injection wells in Ohio have leaked high volumes of toxic substances into groundwater and that the specific wells in the application are constructed to Class I standards; and

**WHEREAS**, Injection wells have caused earthquakes in Ohio with the largest including a 4.0 magnitude in Youngstown, Ohio. Earthquakes potentially associated with injection wells have also occurred in Washington County, Monroe County, Belmont County and Vinton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency stated that reclassification of an existing Class II well to Class I status has never been granted before; and

**THEREFORE**, due to the known and unknown risk factors of the injection of waste, and in the interest of protecting the public health, safety and welfare, Coshocton Environmental and Community Awareness Inc. is in opposition to the continued use or conversion of existing injection wells and the permitting of any new injection wells.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of CECA,

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**We support this resolution to protect the health, welfare and safety of our community.**

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