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**NOTICE OF COMBINED PUBLIC MEETING AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION
ARIZONA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AZOGCC) and to the general public that the AZOGCC will hold an open public meeting:

Friday, March 15, 2024

10:00 A.M.

via Zoom using the link below:

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Executive Session: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the AZOGCC may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public for the purposes of obtaining legal advice on any item on the Agenda.

CALL TO ORDER

1. Establish a quorum and conflicts of interests.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION:

2. Administrator Updates - Chris Schmidt:

a. Arizona Geological Survey Letter of Support (Attachment A)

- i. Vote on Letter of Support for Arizona Geological Survey

3. Call to the Public:

Members of the public may address the AZOGCC during this Call to the Public. In the interest of maintaining an orderly meeting, comments shall not exceed three minutes per speaker. For any specific issues, the total comment period shall not exceed ten minutes per side. If a member of the public wishes to speak, they may unmute their telephone by pressing *6.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), the AZOGCC members shall not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action. As a result of public comment, the AZOGCC members may respond to criticism, may direct staff to review a matter, or may ask that a matter be placed on a future agenda.

4. AZOGCC Requests for Future Agenda Items**5. Announcements****6. Adjournment of the AZOGCC**

For additional information about this meeting, contact Chris Schmidt, Oil and Gas Program Administrator, azogcc@azdeq.gov or (602) 771-4501. At least 24 hours prior to any meeting, a copy of the agenda will be available for public inspection at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), 1110 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or online at <http://www.azdeq.gov/ogcc-notices>. A copy of material provided to AZOGCC (with exception to material relating to possible executive sessions) are available for public inspection upon request by contacting the ADEQ Records Center at (602) 771-4380 or (800) 234-5677.

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ATTACHMENT A



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VIA EMAIL

Brian Gootee
Research Scientist
Arizona Geological Survey
The University of Arizona

Subject: Letter of Other Commitment for the Phase II project, "Southern Arizona CO₂ storage complex feasibility in Harquahala basin (CO₂HQ)," proposed under DOE Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE-FOA-0002711.

Dear Mr. Gootee,

The Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AZOGCC) supports the proposal, "Southern Arizona CO₂ storage complex feasibility in Harquahala basin (CO₂HQ)," being submitted by the University of Arizona – Arizona Geological Survey (UA-AZGS) to the Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Fossil Energy & Carbon Management (FECM).

The concept paper presented to us responds to the DOE Funding Opportunity Announcement (DE-FOA-0002711) that proposes to conduct a Phase-II feasibility study evaluating the potential to safely store 50 million metric tons (Mmt) of CO₂ over 30 years in the subsurface. This project will accelerate carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) deployment in Southern Arizona.

If funded AZOGCC will provide the UA-AZGS support through the exploration of defining pore space ownership and long-term liability for CO₂ capture in Arizona. In addition, the AZOGCC will support in sharing information through AZOGCC meetings. These meetings include stakeholder attendees, such as oil and industry operators, land owners, and non-governmental organizations.

The AZOGCC understands that the study led by UA-AZGS will greatly advance the DOE-FECM goal of developing clean and carbon-neutral U.S. economy as part of the energy transition, and if successful, will improve the long-term safe operational and economic effectiveness towards decarbonization in southern Arizona.

Please address any questions you might have to Chris Schmidt, Oil and Gas Unit Manager, at 602-771-4501 or at Schmidt.Chris@azdeg.gov.

Sincerely,

Frank Thorwald
Chairman
Arizona Oil and Gas Conservation Commission