

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Dear Mr. John:

On October 15, 2012, new regulations will take effect that impact energy production activities. The new regulation requires (among other items) notification to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) two (2) days before completion of hydraulically fractured wells. The regulation requires producers to perform the notification electronically. Although it is likely that states in Region 6 will be delegated the authorities under this new regulation, until that authority is granted, reports will have to be sent to EPA.

The email address that has been established to receive these notifications is the following: r6wellcompletion@epa.gov

For additional information, including summaries of the new regulations and fact sheets, please see the following: http://www.epa.gov/airquality/oilandgas/actions.html

We are asking your help to disseminate this information to your members in a timely manner. EPA Region 6 Public Affairs is also available to answer questions regarding this for your trade publication or newsletter. Please contact EPA Region 6 Public Affairs at 214-665-2200 or by email at:

<u>R6Press@epamail.epa.gov</u>

Sincerely.

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