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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Kim Ward

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – Oil & Gas Act amendments - **Memo #15**

I plan to introduce legislation to amend the Oil and Gas Act, Section 503, relating to “Enforcement Orders” and Section 506, relating to “Civil Penalties”.

The bill will amend Section 503, to require the Department of Environmental Resources to post inspection reports its website. These inspection reports will include:

- the nature and description of the violations;
- the operator’s written response to the violation;
- the status of the violation; and
- the remedial steps taken by the operator or the department to dress the violation.

In addition, the legislation will amend Section 506, increasing the amount that civil penalties may be assessed in instances of a continuing violation or in the case of a violation arising from the construction, alteration or operation of an unconventional well to \$50,000 plus \$2,000 for each day during which the violation continues.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Tiffany Price in my office at 717-787-6063 or by email at tprice@pasen.gov.

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