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Air Enforcement: Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment Division of Environmental Quality and Van Buren County, Arkansas, Natural Gas Compression Station Operator Enter into Consent Administrative Order

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The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment Division of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) and XTO Energy, Inc., (“XTO”) entered into a November 27th Consent Administrative Order (“CAO”) addressing alleged violations of an air permit. See LIS No. 19-108.

The CAO provides that XTO owns and operates a natural gas compression station (“Station”) in Van Buren County, Arkansas.

The Station is stated to be covered by Air Permit 1868-AGP-363 (“Permit”).

DEQ personnel are stated to have conducted a compliance inspection of the Station on May 7th. The inspection is stated to have covered the reporting period of May 2017 through April 2019.

The inspection is stated to have determined that XTO failed to conduct maintenance on two Caterpillar engines as required by 40 C.F.R. Part 63, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (Subpart ZZZZ) and Specific Condition 17 of the Permit. This allegedly violated Specific Condition 17 of the Permit. Such failures also allegedly violated Subpart ZZZZ.

A table in the CAO references the alleged violations.

XTO neither admits nor denies the factual and legal allegations in the CAO.

The CAO assesses a civil penalty of \$7,200.

A copy of the CAO can be downloaded [here](#).