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> REPLY TO ATTENTION OF ECW-15J

## ELECTRONIC MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

James Schramski Vice President of Operations Riverside Energy Michigan, LLC 10691 East Carter Road Suite 201 Traverse City, MI 49684 <u>jschramski@riversideem.com</u>

## Re: Riverside Energy Michigan, LLC Docket No. SDWA-05-2023-0004

Dear James Schramski:

On July 28, 2022, the EPA published a rule in the Federal Register that approves the State of Michigan's application to obtain primary permitting and enforcement authority (primacy) for Class II wells under the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program. On August 29, 2022, the rule went into effect, giving the State of Michigan the authority to implement the UIC Class II program according to its state regulations for Class II injection wells located within the State. The State program is implemented by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

In accordance with the Underground Injection Control Program Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Michigan and EPA Region 5, EPA retained direct implementation of certain Class II permits that were under investigation or permits that were involved in an open enforcement case with EPA, including permits for certain wells operated by Riverside Energy Michigan, LLC. On August 24, 2022, EPA sent you a letter titled "US Environmental Protection Agency Retains Direct Enforcement Authority of Your Class II Permits" explaining your responsibility to continue to report to EPA until the conclusion of federal enforcement actions.

Based on the information you have provided regarding the requirements of the CAFO, EPA believes that you have satisfied the terms of CAFO Docket No. SDWA-05-2023-0004. EPA

anticipates no further action on the alleged noncompliance EPA observed. EPA considers the CAFO to be closed.

This letter serves as notification that you are no longer required to report to EPA. EPA recommends that you contact EGLE about your duties under the Michigan Class II UIC program as soon as possible. EGLE is now the primary enforcement agency for your permits, and it is your responsibility to maintain compliance with its UIC Program. EGLE's UIC regulations can be found at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/Oil-Gas-and-Minerals/Oil-and-Gas">https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/Oil-Gas-and-Minerals/Oil-and-Gas</a>.

If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Jerger at <u>jerger.taylor.m@epa.gov</u> or Jason Mailloux at 517-245-2195 or <u>MaillouxJ@Michigan.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Harris Division Director Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division

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