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Budget(s): Addition to 300 Sections

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Page 145-after line 5 Insert the following new section and renumber as necessary:

"[PRODUCED WATER REGULATORY OVERSIGHT]

Section 333. W.S. 9-1-902 by creating a new subsection (c) and 30-5-104 (a) (vi) (A) are amended to read:

9-1-902. Duties and powers; representation of state at proceedings relating to water or water use.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state engineer shall regulate and permit produced water from oil and gas and mineral exploration activities. The state engineer shall by rule and regulation create a process for permitting under this subsection. Decisions by the state engineer under this subsection shall be subject to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, W.S. 16-3-101 through 16-3-115. This section is repealed June 30, 2020.

30-5-104. Oil and gas conservation commission; powers and duties; investigations; rules and regulations.

(d) The commission has authority:

(vi) To regulate, excluding discharges permitted under the national pollutant discharge elimination system, the:

(A) Except as provided in W.S. 9-1-902(c), location, construction, operation and reclamation of all noncommercial reserve pits and produced water retention and emergency overflow pits used solely for the storage, treatment and disposal of drilling fluids, produced waters, emergency overflow wastes or other oil field wastes associated with the maintenance and operation of oil and gas exploration and production wells on a lease, unit or communitized area in such a manner as to prevent the contamination of the waters of the state;".

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2 To the extent required by this amendment: adjust totals; and
3 renumber as necessary. BYRD