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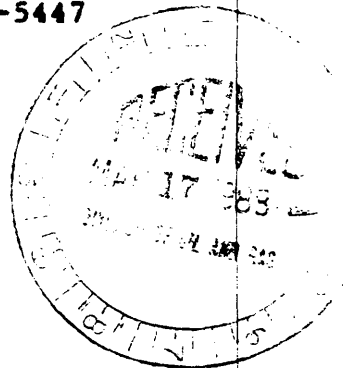
Hartford Township Board of Trustees, Trumbull County, Ohio, et al.,

Appellants,

vs. Case No. 86CV-09-5447

Renee J. Houser, Chief Division of Oil & Gas, Ohio Department of Natural Resources,

Appellee.



DECISION

Rendered this ____ day of March, 1988.

THOMPSON, J.

This action comes to this Court by appeal under R.C.

§1509.37. Appellants brings the instant action based upon an order by the Oil & Gas Board of Review (hereinafter "Board"), dated July 9, 1986. That order granted Atlas Energy Group, Inc. a permit to operate a brine injection well.

Upon review of the case sub judice, the Court finds that the appeal is not well taken. The Court adopts the reasoning expressed in Judge Britt's decision in Case No. 85CV-05-3068, rendered in May 1987. The expertise of the agency and deference to the Board on decisions concerning permits combine to cause this Court to conclude that the Board's decision is lawful and reasonable and should be affirmed. Counsel for Appellees shall prepare a judgment entry accordingly.

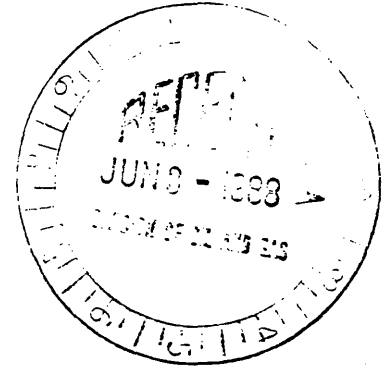
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JUDGMENT ENTRY

As per the DECISION of this Court in the cause sub judice rendered March 9, 1988, it is hereby **ORDERED and DECREED** that the Decision of the Oil and Gas Board of Review upholding the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas, Ohio Department of Natural Resource's

granting of a brine injection well permit to Atlas Energy Group is
AFFIRMED.


HON. TOMMY THOMPSON
Judge, Court of Common Pleas
Franklin County, Ohio

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