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I. Introduction

The following is an update on Kansas legislative activity and case law relating to oil and gas law from August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021.

II. Legislative and Regulatory Developments

On April 9, 2021, the Governor approved House Bill 2022. House Bill 2022 updates the Kansas Corporation Commission's (KCC) authority to regulate and determine responsibility for abandoned oil and gas wells. The bill amends law concerning the filing of complaints and investigations pertaining to abandoned wells, responsible parties for plugging abandoned wells, and funds used by the KCC for plugging abandoned wells.

The bill abolished the well plugging assurance fund and transferred all assets and liabilities to the abandoned oil and gas well fund.

There have not been any additional significant legislative or regulatory developments affecting Kansas oil and gas law from August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021.

III. Judicial Developments

There have not been any significant judicial decisions affecting Kansas oil and gas law from August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2021