

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

Oversight Hearing on *“America’s Helium Supply: Options for Producing more Helium from Federal Lands.”*

July 11, 2013

For Individuals:

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Email Address:

4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Wheeler M. “Bo” Sears, Jr.

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Weil Helium, LLC

3. Business Address:
[Information redacted for privacy]

4. Business Email Address:
[Information redacted for privacy]

5. Business Phone Number:
[Information redacted for privacy]

For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Wheeler M. “Bo” Sears, Jr. / Weil Helium, LLC

Title/Date of Hearing: Oversight Hearing on “America’s Helium Supply: Options for Producing more Helium from Federal Lands.” / July 11, 2013

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing. [B.A. University of Mississippi, MBA University of Dallas.](#)

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing. [Member: American Association of Petroleum Geologists.](#)

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing. [President of Weil Helium, LLC / Vice President of Weil Group Resources, LLC.](#)

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the [Department of the Interior \(and/or other agencies invited\)](#) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract. [Waiver to develop wells on Federal lands for the purpose of helium recovery, dated June 3, 2013](#)

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying. [President, Weil Helium LLC ; Vice-President, Weil-Group Resources LLC](#)

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the [Department of the Interior \(and /or other agencies invited\)](#) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s). [Document attached: Waiver to develop wells on Federal lands for the purpose of helium recovery, dated June 3, 2013](#)

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).



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Mr. Jeffrey W. Vogt
Chief Executive Officer
Weil Group Resources, LLC
416 West Franklin Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220

Dear Mr. Vogt:

Thank you for your March 19, 2013, letter to then-Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar requesting a waiver to develop wells on Federal lands for the purpose of helium recovery. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was asked to respond to your letter.

Your request for authorization to process helium as a primary gas has been granted, contingent upon Weil Group Resources, LLC obtaining a signed helium contract for Extraction and Sale of Federal Helium. To obtain a contract for Extraction and Sale of Federal Helium, please contact Joe Peterson, Assistant Field Manager, BLM Amarillo Field Office, at 806-356-1030.

Procedures followed under your oil and gas lease will provide the mechanism to begin on-the-ground operations (in accordance with 43 CFR 3160). If you have any questions concerning operations on your oil and gas lease, please contact the BLM-Utah Price Field Office, at 435-636-3637.

Thank you for supporting BLM's efforts to conserve and produce public helium resources in an environmentally sound manner.

Sincerely,


Neil Kornze
Principal Deputy Director