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State Regulators Shut Down Disposal Well Following Two Earthquakes

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The latest earthquakes early Thursday in northern Oklahoma prompted the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to take some regulatory steps including the shutdown of one disposal well.

One quake measured 3.8 magnitude near Waynoka and an hour later a 3.2 magnitude quake rattled Dover. Waynoka is in Major county and Dover is in Kingfisher County.

Later in the day, the OCC issued an announcement.

Following earthquake activity that occurred overnight in the Hennessey area, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission’s Oil and Gas Conservation Division (OGCD) has directed a disposal well in the area that is injecting into the Arbuckle formation to stop operations.

The Choate SWD #1 (Choate Disposal Services) was one of two wells in the area that had volumes reduced in October 2017. The other well stopped disposal into the Arbuckle formation in December 2017.

The OGCD has also issued a directive requiring further volume reductions of Arbuckle disposal wells in the Enid area. The directive applies to those Arbuckle disposal wells within 10 miles of recent earthquakes in the area.

Average daily volumes of above 2,000 barrels per day are to be reduced by 25 percent. The directive will mean volume reductions for seven disposal wells. Eight other wells below 2,000 barrels a day will be restricted to their last 60 day average. The directive will result in a reduction in current disposed volume of approximately 3,350 barrels per day. The Enid reduction is in addition to an approximately 40 percent reduction imposed in 2016.



Judge Rules Against Indian Tribes in Continuing Fight over North Dakota Pipeline

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A loss for two Indian tribes still fighting the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline, the one that saw thousands of protesters encamped last year around the line.

Washington, D.C. U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg ruled this week against the tribes’ request to be consulted more on an oil spill response plan at the pipeline. He said the issue was mooted by the plan’s submission.

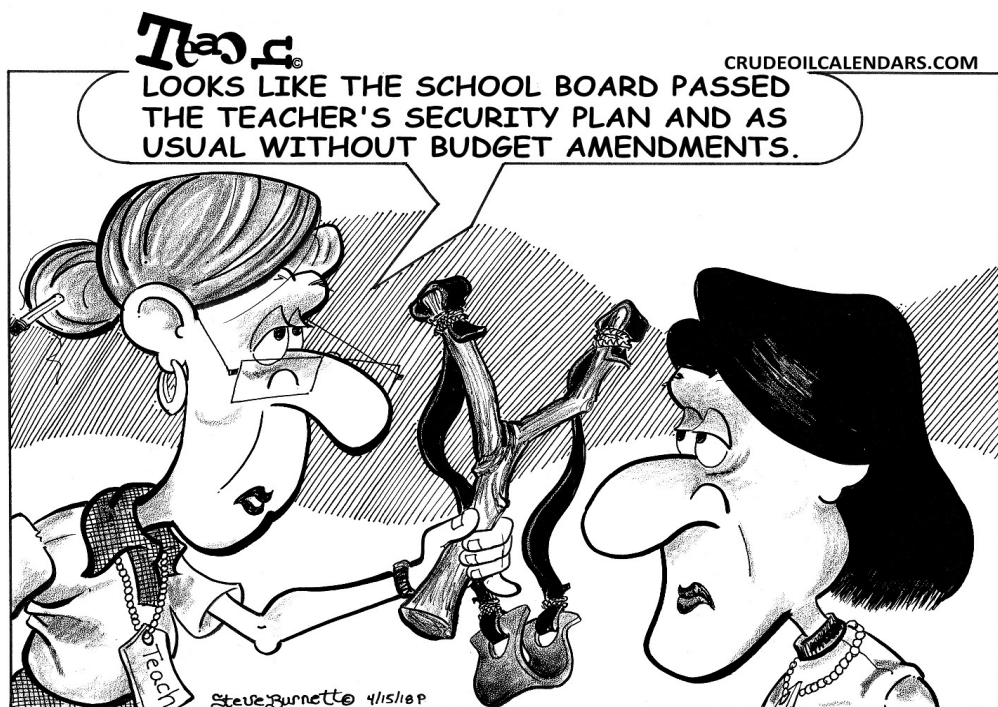
The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe had claimed they were not consulted enough over the response plan of Dakota Access LLC.

In March, representatives of the tribes protested in Washington and claimed their requests for technical information about oil spills in Lake Oahe in North Dakota were being “stonewalled.”

A legal filing by the tribes claimed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had failed to “meaningfully engage with the tribe, listen to its legitimate concerns about the siting of the pipeline at Oahe, and make a reasoned decision in light of that information.”



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