To: Permit Holders
From: Scott Speer
RE: Emerald Oil Inc. ("EOX")
1-for-20 Reverse Stock Split
Ex-Distribution Date: May 21, 2015

Emerald Oil Inc. ("EOX") has announced a 1-for-20 reverse common stock split, in which each outstanding share of EOX Common Stock will automatically be converted into one-twentieth (0.05) of a share of "New" EOX. The ex-date for the reverse stock split is Thursday, May 21, 2015.

Contract Adjustment

Pursuant to OCC rules (Article VI, Section 11 and 11A), all outstanding EOX option series as of Thursday, May 21, 2015, at 8:30 A.M. Chicago time will be adjusted to reflect this 1-for-20 reverse stock split. All EOX options will be adjusted to require the receipt or delivery of: **5 shares of "New" Emerald Oil Inc. ("EOX") Common Stock.** The contract multiplier will remain 100, i.e., 1 point of premium or strike price will equal $100. Strike prices will remain the same. The option symbol will change to EOX1. Premiums for the adjusted EOX1 options will continue to be calculated on the basis of a multiplier of 100, i.e., for premium and strike-price extensions, 1.00 will equal $100. [Any FLEX series that may exist will be adjusted in a similar manner to the standardized option.]

The option adjustment will appear in the Daily Position Report of the clearing member firms on the ex-date. After 8:30 A.M. Thursday, May 21, 2015, all trades, corrections, and exercises must be submitted to the CBOE and OCC on an adjusted basis.

GTC Order Conversion

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015, immediately after the CBOE close, the system will convert or cancel all resting orders in the EOX order book. If your firm has requested, all booked orders (phone, wire, and electronic) and all ORS orders residing outside the book (booth or crowd routed) will be converted reflecting the adjustments. If your firm has requested, all booked orders and ORS orders residing outside of the book will be canceled. If your firm receives CXL drops, the CXL confirms will print at your booth at 3:15 p.m. ORS CXLs will also be transmitted electronically to your branches.

Immediately after the close, the book staff will return a final written report listing the orders that are converted or canceled to all firms. If converted, this list will also show how the new orders will be adjusted. This report will be available on request anytime during the day prior to the night of the adjustment.

Position and Exercise Limits

The CBOE Regulatory Department has determined that: "The position and exercise limits will remain the same."

Questions regarding this memo can be addressed to Options Industry Services at 1-888-OPTIONS (1-888-678-4667). CBOE contract adjustment memos can also be accessed from CBOE.com at the following web address:

http://www.cboe.com/ContractAdjustments