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Weaver Expands Reach of Energy Compliance Services with Addition of Todd Potas, PE, as Director

HOUSTON, TEXAS (April 24,2019) – Accounting firm <u>Weaver</u>, a national certified public accounting firm named the <u>2018 "Best Verifier" for renewable identification numbers</u> by *Environmental Finance* magazine, today announced that Todd Potas has joined the firm as a director in energy compliance services. Potas is a licensed professional engineer (PE) who will perform independent third-party engineering reviews and site visits required of renewable fuel producers, increasing the firm's capacity and geographic reach.

Weaver is one of only four firms to be approved by the Environmental Protection Agency under its Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Quality Assurance Plans (QAP) program. Under the RFS, engineering reviews are required during the initial facility registration process and then every three years. In addition to these engineering reviews, Potas will perform semi-annual site visits and quarterly production process reports required by QAP. The firm currently performs third-party engineering reviews in California, Texas, Tennessee, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Hawaii and Washington. Potas will immediately expand Weaver's capabilities into Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Florida.

"Our energy compliance clients rely on Weaver to help them manage their compliance obligations, and we're pleased to be able to offer comprehensive services such as engineering reviews to more producers," said Wade Watson, partner-in-charge of Energy Compliance Services. "In addition, Todd brings valuable insight from his years leading design, permitting and pollution control projects for numerous renewable fuel facilities."

Potas has more than 28 years of experience managing quality assurance, process optimization, permitting, environmental reviews and process engineering for clients in both the United States and Canada. He has led more than 100 third-party engineering reviews and quality assurance plan audits for biogas, digester gas with feedstock characterization, biodiesel and ethanol facilities in 12 U.S. states as well as Ontario, Canada. Potas holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in chemical engineering and is registered as a PE in Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Florida.

About Weaver

Weaver has built a nationwide presence on an unwavering commitment to its clients' success, acting with integrity and always striving to transcend expectations. The firm has grown to be the 37th largest firm in the United States, according to *INSIDE Public Accounting*; it is also ranked the largest independent accounting firm based in the Southwest by *Accounting Today* magazine. Weaver employs more than 700 people in nine offices from coast to coast.

From Fortune 500 multinational companies to start-ups, Weaver's clients include commercial, government and nonprofit organizations. The firm is particularly well known in the financial services, energy, manufacturing and distribution, construction, technology, real estate and health care industries, as well as the public sector. Weaver services go beyond traditional assurance and tax services to include risk advisory, transaction advisory, IT advisory, energy compliance and consulting, forensics and litigation services, and specialty tax services such as international tax, state and local tax and private client services. Learn more at <u>www.weaver.com</u>.

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