

1501:9-1-01 **General provisions.**

(A) Definitions:

- (1) "Well" means any borehole, whether drilled or bored, for stratigraphic exploration or for the production, extraction or injection of any gas or liquid mineral, excluding potable water to be used as such, but including natural or artificial brines and oil field waters, sewage, and any liquid used in or resulting from any process of industry, manufacture, trade, business, or agriculture.

- (2) "Waste" means and includes:
 - (a) Physical waste, such as the term is understood generally in the oil and gas industry;

 - (b) Inefficient, excessive, or improper use, or the unnecessary dissipation of reservoir energy;

 - (c) Inefficient storing of oil or gas;

 - (d) Locating, drilling, equipping, operating, or producing an oil or gas well in a manner that reduces or tends to reduce the quantity of oil or gas ultimately recoverable under prudent and proper operation from the pool into which it is drilled, or that causes or tends to cause unnecessary or excessive surface loss or destruction of oil or gas;

 - (e) Other underground or surface waste in the production, transportation, or storage of oil, gas, or condensate, however caused.

- (3) "Chief" means chief, ~~division of oil and gas~~ Division of Mineral Resources Management.

- (4) "Applicant" or "person" means a natural person, corporation, association, partnership, receiver, trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, fiduciary, or other representative of any kind, and includes any government or a political subdivision or agency thereof. The masculine gender, in referring to a person, includes the feminine and the neuter genders.

- (5) "Oil" means crude petroleum oil and all other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, that are produced in liquid form by ordinary production methods, but does not include liquid hydrocarbons that were originally in a gaseous phase in the reservoir.

- (6) "Condensate" means liquid hydrocarbons that were originally in the gaseous phase in the reservoir.
- (7) "Gas" means all natural gas and all other fluid hydrocarbons not defined above as oil, including condensate.
- (8) "Pool" means an underground reservoir containing a common accumulation of oil or gas, or both, but does not include a gas storage reservoir. Each zone of a geological structure and each zone of a geological feature that is completely separated from any other zone in the same structure or feature may contain a separate pool.
- (9) "Field" means the general area underlaid by one or more pools.
- (10) "Owner" means the person who has the right to drill on a tract or drilling unit and to drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate the oil or gas that he produces therefrom either for himself or for others.
- (11) "Producer" means the owner of a well capable of or producing oil or gas or both.
- (12) "Protection of correlative rights" means administration and enforcement of these rules and regulations by the chief in such a manner as to afford reasonable opportunity to every person entitled thereto to recover and receive the oil and gas in and under his tract or tracts, or the equivalent thereof, without having to drill unnecessary wells or to incur other unnecessary expense.
- (13) "Oil and gas" means oil or gas or both.
- (14) The use of the plural includes the singular, and the use of the singular includes the plural.
- (15) "Manager" means the operator, whether the owner or not, of a well or wells.
- (16) "Drilling unit" means the minimum acreage on which one well may be drilled, but does not apply to a well for injecting gas into or removing gas from a gas storage reservoir.
- (17) "Map" means a graphic representation of the location and size of the existing

or proposed objects it is made to represent, accurately drawn to a scale no smaller than four hundred feet to the inch.

(18) "Division" means ~~division of oil and gas~~ Division of Mineral Resources Management, department of natural resources.

(19) "Tract" means a single, individually taxed parcel of land appearing on the tax list.

(B) Rules for giving public notice - adoption, amendment, or rescission of rules.

(1) Public notice of hearings to be conducted by the ~~division of oil and gas~~ Division of Mineral Resources Management, department of natural resources, ~~shall be advertised one time in five newspapers published in different counties and of general circulation in the state~~ shall be published with the Register of Ohio.

(2) At least thirty days notice of the time and place of a public hearing shall be given by said notice which shall state the division's intention to consider adopting, amending, or rescinding a rule; a synopsis or the full text of the proposed rule, amendment, or rule to be rescinded or a general statement of the subject matter to which such proposed rule relates; and the date, time, and place of the hearing on said proposed action.

(C) Forms:

The division shall prescribe forms required under the rules and regulations herein and, upon request, furnish such forms to any interested person requiring use of same.

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