

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Corporation Commission

Article 3.—Production and Conservation of Oil and Gas

82-3-1006. Storage facility monitoring and reporting.

(a) Monthly wellhead pressure monitoring; record retention. At the time the application for a provisional or fully authorized permit is submitted, the operator shall begin monitoring and recording the wellhead pressure of each gas storage well, including each annulus of the well, on a monthly basis. However, if the operator has provided sufficient evidence to the conservation division that the annulus has been cemented to the surface, no monitoring and reporting shall be required for that annular space. These records shall be retained by the operator for five years.

(b) Annual report of wellhead pressures. Each operator shall annually report information regarding wellhead pressures for each gas storage well to the commission. This report shall be submitted on a form furnished by the commission.

(c) Report of potential leak. The operator of an underground porosity gas storage facility shall report any pressure changes or other monitoring data that indicate the presence of leaks in the well or the lack of confinement of the injected gases and any associated fluids to the gas storage reservoir. This report shall be made orally as soon as practicable to the appropriate conservation district field office following the occurrence of the leak and shall be confirmed in writing to the conservation division office within three working days.

(d) Gas metering; record retention. The total volume of gas injected into and withdrawn from a storage facility shall be metered through a master meter. The gas volumes shall be metered with a meter that has sufficient capacity and is approved by the conservation division. The operator of the storage facility shall keep the original field record consisting of magnetic tapes, digital electronic data, meter charts, or records of gas injected or withdrawn for at least five years. This information shall be made available to the conservation division upon request.

(e) Monthly volume report. The operator of an underground porosity gas storage facility shall, on or before the last day of each month, file with the conservation division a report showing the volume of gas placed into storage and the volume of gas removed from storage at the storage facility during the preceding month. The report shall also state the total volume of gas stored on the first and last days of the preceding month.

(f) Penalties.

(1) The failure to file or timely file the annual pressure report required under subsection (b) shall be punishable by a \$100 penalty.

(2) The failure to file or timely file the monthly gas volume report required under subsection (e) shall be punishable by a \$100 penalty.

(3) The failure to comply with the reporting requirements of subsection (c) of this regulation shall be punishable by a penalty of up to \$5,000 per occurrence.

(4) Each day that a violation of this regulation continues may be considered a separate violation. The penalties specified in this subsection may be increased by the commission if it finds that aggravating factors exist.

This regulation shall be effective on and after October 29, 2002.

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