

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Corporation Commission

Article 3.—Production and Conservation of Oil and Gas

82-3-113. Notice of intention to plug and abandon a well; supervision; penalty.

(a) Notice required; penalty. Before any work is commenced to plug and abandon any well drilled for the discovery of oil or gas, for underground porosity gas storage, or for disposal of salt water, or to plug and abandon any injection well for enhanced recovery, including any well drilled below the fresh and usable water level, the operator shall give written notice to the conservation division of the intention to plug and abandon that well. The notice shall be submitted upon a form furnished by the conservation division and shall contain all of the information requested on it. The failure to file a notice of intention to plug and abandon a well shall be punishable by a \$100 penalty.

(b) Plugging instructions; scheduling.

(1) Upon receipt of the notice, the notice shall be acknowledged by the conservation division by letter to the operator. The letter shall provide instructions to the operator, including the name of the district office that is to be notified, and a requirement that the operator submit a proposed plugging plan.

(2) The operator shall notify the appropriate district office of the operator's proposed plugging plan no later than five days before the plugging.

(c) Exceptions. Exceptions from the notice requirement on the plugging of wells may be granted by the district office if either of the following conditions is met:

(1) A drilling rig already at work on location is ready to commence plugging operations on a dry and abandoned well.

(2) An emergency situation exists. In this case, the operator shall orally notify and present the plugging proposal to the district office.

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

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