

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Corporation Commission

Article 3.—Production and Conservation of Oil and Gas

82-3-1010. Notice of plugging, plugging methods and procedures, plugging report, and plugging fee for gas storage wells; penalty.

(a) Plugging requirements. The plugging of underground porosity gas storage wells shall be accomplished in accordance with K.A.R. 82-3-113, K.A.R. 82-3-114, K.A.R. 82-3-117, and K.A.R. 82-3-118, except as specifically provided below:

(1) To meet the requirement of K.A.R. 82-3-113(b)(2), the operator shall provide a written plugging plan to the conservation division and the appropriate district office no later than 30 days before the planned commencement of plugging operations.

(2) The operator of any gas storage well that shows a positive wellhead shut-in pressure or gas flow at the surface immediately before the commencement of plugging operations shall complete one of the following before commencing plugging operations:

(A) Have a mechanical bridge plug or other approved control device set immediately above the porosity storage reservoir or reservoirs before commencing cementing operations; or

(B) implement additional cementing procedures as approved by the appropriate district field office to ensure placement of a cement plug across and above the gas storage reservoir.

(3) The operator of each tubingless gas storage well shall plug the well by displacing cement inside the long string and any intermediate casing from the total depth or plug-back total depth of the well to the surface. The operator shall also ensure that there is adequate cement in the annular space between casing strings and the wellbore.

(b) Penalty. The failure of an operator to comply with subsection (a) of this regulation shall be punishable by a \$500 penalty and a requirement that the operator of the underground porosity gas storage well properly plug the well according to this regulation. 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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