

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Kansas Corporation Commission

Article 3.—Production and Conservation of Oil and Gas

82-3-1220. Temporary abandonment of reservoir storage wells and reservoir storage facilities.

(a) Each operator of a reservoir storage well shall, within 90 days after any reservoir storage well ceases operation, plug the storage well according to K.A.R. 82-3-1219 or file an application with the conservation division requesting temporary abandonment status, on a form provided by the conservation division.

(1) An application for temporary abandonment status may be approved by the director for one year if approval will not threaten public safety, usable water, or soil. Each operator shall file any subsequent one-year application before the expiration of the previous approved temporary abandonment period. No well that has been temporarily abandoned for 10 years or longer shall be approved for temporary abandonment status.

(2) If a temporary abandonment application is denied, the operator shall plug the well pursuant to K.A.R. 82-3-1219.

(b) Any operator of a reservoir storage facility may request temporary abandonment status for the storage facility. The operator shall submit a written application to the conservation division for temporary abandonment at least 90 days before the temporary abandonment. The application shall include the following:

- (1) The date the storage facility will be temporarily abandoned;
- (2) the projected temporary abandonment period, which shall be less than 10 years;
- (3) the monitoring procedures to be used during temporary abandonment;
- (4) temporary abandonment applications for each reservoir storage well, pursuant to subsection (a), except for any reservoir storage well that is currently approved for temporary abandonment; and
- (5) any additional information necessary to allow the director to determine whether the reservoir storage facility can be temporarily abandoned in a manner that protects public safety, usable water, and soil.

(c) Any application for temporary abandonment status of a reservoir storage facility pursuant to subsection (b) may be approved by the director for less than 10 years if the approval will not threaten public safety, soil, and usable water. Each operator shall file any subsequent application before the expiration of the previous approved temporary abandonment period. No storage facility that has been temporarily abandoned for 10 years or longer shall be approved for temporary abandonment status.

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