

Clarification Regarding Well Record Submission Requirements

Pursuant to 58 Pa C.S. §§ 3222(b)(1) and 3222(b)(2), an operator shall maintain a record of each well drilled or altered and file that record with the Department within 30 days after drilling or altering the well. A Well Record should not be filed with the Department until all drilling or alteration activities to be conducted pursuant to a particular permit have ceased. Submission of a Well Record shall indicate that all drilling or alteration activities conducted pursuant to a particular permit have been completed. Once drilling has commenced pursuant to a permit, a Well Record must be submitted prior to, or along with, any subsequent submission of a Notice of Intention by Well Operator to Plug a Well form (8000-FM-OOGM005), a Notice of Intention by Well Operator to Plug Project Wells form (8000-FM-OOGM0005A), an Application for Inactive Well Status form (5500-FM-OG0056), or an application to alter or drill deeper (8000-PM-OOGM0001a and 8000-PM-OOGM0001b) for that well. Additionally, once drilling has commenced pursuant to a permit, a Well Record must be submitted within 17 months of the permit issuance date in order to satisfy the due diligence requirements of 58 Pa C.S. § 3211(i).