



OIL & GAS COMMISSION

****COVID-19 RULE ACCOMODATIONS****

April 20, 2020

During this unprecedented time, the goal of the Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is to continue its regulatory and programmatic oversight while also protecting its employees, the employees of the entities that it regulates, and the public.

Pursuant to **Executive Order 20-06**, issued by Governor Asa Hutchinson on March 17, 2020, the Commission suspended enforcement of the rule requirements listed below for an initial period of 30 days to assist in the prevention of the spread of COVID-19. Pursuant to **Executive Order 20-16**, issued by Governor Asa Hutchinson on April 13, 2020, the Commission suspends enforcement of certain rule requirements listed below for the duration of the emergency. Accordingly, if a deadline to complete the below requirements occurred after March 17, 2020, the deadline for that requirement has been extended for the duration of the emergency.

Commission General Rules:

- **General Rule B-7**
 - Mechanical Integrity and Fluid Level Testing for currently approved Temporarily Abandoned wells.
 - Well plugging deadlines.
 - Temporary Abandonment status.
- **General Rules H-1, H-2, H-3**
 - Mechanical Integrity Testing for Disposal Wells (for Disposal Wells with the last test being satisfactory).

In addition to the accommodations listed above, the Director is willing to consider any additional accommodations on a case-by-case basis and offer temporarily relief where needed. If a regulated entity has specific issues, they may submit the issues to the Director as a request for accommodations, and propose a plan for consideration. Any requests should also be sent to the Office of the Secretary at COVID19EE@adeq.state.ar.us. The above list of accommodations is subject to revision and amendment as the circumstances require.

At this time Commission Offices are closed to visitors. The Commission will remain open and staffed as needed. All field inspections will continue and staff will continue to conduct business on a daily basis by email, phone, or fax. Also, the AOGC will accept electronically signed (“E-signed”) and electronically submitted (via e-mail or facsimile) documents for the duration of the emergency as declared by Governor Asa Hutchinson.

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