



Missouri
Department of
Natural Resources

State Oil and Gas Council Meeting

November 16, 2015

Public Hearing – Proposed Amendments to 10 CSR 50-1 through 10 CSR 50-5 State Oil and Gas Council Rulemaking

Issue:

On September 15, 2015, the Department filed proposed amendments to 10 CSR 50-1 through 10 CSR 50-5. These proposed amendments promulgate changes to rules governing permitting, use, and plugging of oil and gas wells. This includes establishing a fee structure, incorporating an operator license, updating bonding requirements, stipulating mechanical integrity testing (MIT) procedures, determining the methods of calculating injection pressure, clarification of enforcement authority and procedures, incorporating advances in technology such as horizontal drilling and well stimulation, clarification of authorities for implementation of rules, establishing modern procedures of well spacing and unitization methods, adding definitions to address modern practices and procedures, and other changes to address clarity and new processes.

The proposed amendments, rescissions and new rules were published in the *Missouri Register* on October 15, 2015. This public hearing is the next step in the process, and coincides with a public comment period. The Department will accept comments through November 18, 2015.

Upon the closing of the public comment period the Department will respond to comments received and prepare an order of rulemaking, incorporating and/or changing the rule text accordingly. The final rule text will be brought before the Council, requesting approval to file, at the November 23, 2015, meeting.

Recommended Action:

The Council to hear testimony on the proposed amendments to:
10 CSR 50-1 through 10 CSR 50-5, State Oil and Gas Council Rules