

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule

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Under [IC 4-22-2-23](#), the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

OVERVIEW: Adds [312 IAC 29](#) governing wells for oil and gas purposes. Adds [312 IAC 29-1](#) addressing application and administration and [312 IAC 29-2](#) providing definitions. Adds [312 IAC 29-3](#) offering general provisions and [312 IAC 29-4](#) providing regulations applicable to all wells for oil and gas purposes. Adds [312 IAC 29-5](#) establishing additional permit requirements for Class II wells, [312 IAC 29-6](#) establishing additional permit requirements for coal bed methane wells, and [312 IAC 29-7](#) establishing additional permit requirements for noncommercial wells. Adds [312 IAC 29-10](#) establishing requirements associated with geologic and structure test well applications and [312 IAC 29-11](#) establishing criteria for drilling in karst prone areas. Adds [312 IAC 29-12](#) governing annual well fees. Adds [312 IAC 29-13](#) establishing requirements associated with the location of wells, drilling units, and well spacing, [312 IAC 29-14](#) governing drilling units and well spacing for directional wells, and [312 IAC 29-15](#) establishing criteria for drilling units and well spacing for horizontal wells. Adds [312 IAC 29-16](#) governing underground sources of drinking water and establishing criteria for exempting an aquifer. Adds [312 IAC 29-17](#) establishing criteria for identifying commercially mineable coal resources. Adds [312 IAC 29-18](#) governing proof of notification to owners of underground storage reservoirs. Adds [312 IAC 29-19](#) governing the integration of interests. Adds [312 IAC 29-20](#) establishing well drilling, construction, and completion requirements and [312 IAC 29-21](#) governing well drilling pits and completion pits. Adds [312 IAC 29-22](#) governing well stimulation treatments. Adds [312 IAC 29-23](#) establishing well workover requirements. Adds [312 IAC 29-24](#) governing tank battery facilities and [312 IAC 29-25](#) establishing requirements for facility operation. Adds [312 IAC 29-26](#) governing petroleum production reporting. Adds [312 IAC 29-27](#) addressing the operation of wells in areas of hydrogen sulfide and [312 IAC 29-28](#) governing operations and reporting requirements for Class II wells. Adds [312 IAC 29-31](#) governing the management of wastes and on-site remediation and [312 IAC 29-32](#) governing the management of naturally occurring radioactive material. Adds [312 IAC 29-33](#) establishing requirements for temporary abandonment of wells and well plugging. Adds [312 IAC 29-34](#) governing inspections and enforcement. Repeals [312 IAC 16](#). Questions may be directed to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N501, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2200, at nrcrules@nrc.in.gov, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Comments may be sent by regular mail to the address above or through <http://www.in.gov/nrc/2377.htm>. Statutory authority: [IC 14-10-2-4](#); [IC 14-37-3-15](#).

For purposes of [IC 4-22-2-28.1](#), the Small Business Regulatory Coordinator for this rule is:

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Resources available to regulated entities through the small business ombudsman include the ombudsman's duties stated in [IC 4-4-35-8](#), specifically [IC 4-4-35-8\(9\)](#), investigating and attempting to resolve any matter regarding compliance by a small business with a law, rule, or policy administered by a state agency, either as a party to a proceeding or as a mediator.

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