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TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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

OVERVIEW: Amends 312 IAC 16-5-14 to clarify that an owner or operator must obtain written authorization from the division of oil and gas, department of natural resources, before acting upon a permit change. Makes numerous changes to 312 IAC 17-3, which governs geophysical survey operations. Provides that a geophysical survey operation is considered a well for oil and gas purposes for purposes of issuing an emergency permit. Excludes open or case hole geophysical logs from regulation as a geophysical survey operation. Eliminates the requirement that an operator notify each owner of an occupied dwelling that is located within one mile of a geophysical survey operation. Establishes minimum distances from structures for the conduct of a geophysical survey operation, with separate standards for those activities that do or do not use an explosive energy source. Clarifies that the department of natural resources, division of oil and gas, performs a permit revocation or transfer. Modifies bonding and shothole plugging requirements. Makes other clerical and technical changes. Public questions and comments may be sent to the Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, 402 West Washington Street, Room W272, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, at jkane@dnr.state.in.us, or by telephone at (317) 232-4699. Statutory authority: IC 14-37-3; IC 14-10-2-4.