

### **IC 14-37-3**

#### **Chapter 3. Commission Duties**

### **IC 14-37-3-1**

#### **Written reports showing well location required**

Sec. 1. The commission shall require an owner or operator to file written reports showing the location of wells for oil and gas purposes.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

### **IC 14-37-3-2**

#### **Identification of ownership and location of wells**

Sec. 2. The commission shall identify the ownership and location of wells for oil and gas purposes, including the use of surveys and plats.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

### **IC 14-37-3-3**

#### **Regulation of well spacing**

Sec. 3. (a) The commission shall regulate the spacing of wells for oil and gas purposes. A rule adopted under this section may provide for the following:

- (1) A minimum distance between a well and the property line of an adjacent landowner if the adjacent landowner does not provide a written waiver to the distance requirement.
- (2) A minimum acreage requirement for each well.
- (3) That wells may be drilled on the same tract to different formations if an acreage requirement established under subdivision (2) is satisfied for wells drilled to the same formation.

(b) A rule adopted under this section must consider regional and geological characteristics and factors conducive to the most efficient and economical recovery of oil and gas.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

### **IC 14-37-3-4**

#### **Filing of reports**

Sec. 4. The commission shall require the making and filing of the following:

- (1) Well logs.
- (2) Completion information.
- (3) Directional surveys.
- (4) Reports on well locations and drilling.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

### **IC 14-37-3-5**

#### **Regulation of wells for environmental protection**

Sec. 5. The commission shall regulate the drilling, casing, operating, plugging, and abandoning of wells and any related fluid storage to prevent the following:

- (1) Waste.
- (2) Fresh water pollution.
- (3) Blowouts.
- (4) Cavings.
- (5) Seepages.
- (6) Fires.
- (7) Unreasonably detrimental effects upon fish, wildlife, and botanical resources.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-6**

##### **Testing for wells placed on temporary abandonment**

Sec. 6. The commission shall establish standards and testing for wells for oil and gas purposes placed on temporary abandonment.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-7**

##### **Regulation of production operations**

Sec. 7. The commission shall regulate the following:

- (1) Drilling.
- (2) Testing.
- (3) Equipping.
- (4) Completing.
- (5) Producing.
- (6) All other operations for the production of oil or gas.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-8**

##### **Regulation of well stimulation and treatment**

Sec. 8. The commission shall regulate the stimulation and treatment of wells.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-9**

##### **Regulation of underground petroleum storage wells**

Sec. 9. The commission shall regulate the drilling, deepening, operating, plugging, and abandoning of the following:

- (1) Wells for underground storage of petroleum products.
- (2) Other wells for oil and gas purposes that may affect underground storage reservoirs.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-10**

##### **Regulation of inactive underground coal mines**

Sec. 10. The commission shall regulate, under IC 14-37-7, the drilling, deepening, operating, plugging, and abandoning of wells for oil and gas purposes on land underlaid by workings of an inactive underground coal mine within the permit boundaries of an active underground mine permitted under IC 14-34 or through a commercially minable coal resource.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-11**

##### **Requirements for noncommercial natural gas wells**

Sec. 11. The commission shall establish alternative spacing, unit, and bonding requirements for noncommercial natural gas wells.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-12**

##### **Underground Injection Control Program enforcement authority**

Sec. 12. (a) The commission shall obtain and maintain primary enforcement authority for Class II wells under the Underground Injection Control Program, promulgated under:

(1) Part C of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (Public Law 95-523, as amended by Public Law 96-502, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) in effect January 1, 1988; and

(2) 40 CFR Parts 124, 144, 145, 146, and 147 Subpart P, in effect January 1, 1988.

(b) The commission shall enforce the requirements of the Underground Injection Control Program and all other rules under this article to prevent the pollution or endangerment of underground sources of drinking water caused by a well regulated by this article.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-13**

##### **Expenses and attorney's fees**

Sec. 13. The commission shall establish standards for determining expenses and attorney's fees under IC 14-37-13.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

#### **IC 14-37-3-14**

##### **Repealed**

*(Repealed by P.L.80-2005, SEC.8.)*

#### **IC 14-37-3-14.5**

##### **Regulation of coal bed methane wells**

Sec. 14.5. The commission shall:

(1) regulate coal bed methane wells and compliance with IC 14-37-4-8 and IC 14-37-4-8.5;

(2) establish alternative spacing, survey, unit, and bonding requirements for coal bed methane wells; and

(3) require that all coal bed methane well permit applications include detailed plans for:

(A) stimulation, including disclosure of the types and amounts to be used of all fluids and products, and any information necessary to assess the potential impact of stimulation on commercially minable coal resources and underground sources of drinking water;

(B) horizontal drilling; and

(C) plugging of wells drilled by horizontal drilling.

*As added by P.L.140-2011, SEC.4.*

### **IC 14-37-3-15**

#### **Adoption of rules**

Sec. 15. The commission shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this article. The rules must include rules necessary to carry out the duties imposed upon the commission under this chapter.  
*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

### **IC 14-37-3-16**

#### **Informal hearings**

Sec. 16. The commission shall hold informal hearings to consider any matter that assists in the administration of the division, including the following:

- (1) A request to amend, modify, or repeal a rule adopted under this chapter.
- (2) Any matter relating to the issuance, reissuance, modification, or repeal of a permit for a Class II well.
- (3) A request for an exception to a spacing requirement established under section 3 of this chapter.
- (4) A request for an integration of interests in drilling units under IC 14-37-9 if the owners of separate interests have not agreed to integration.
- (5) The issuance or proposed issuance of a notice of violation.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*

### **IC 14-37-3-17**

#### **Administrative review of orders**

Sec. 17. An order resulting from an informal hearing under section 16 of this chapter is subject to administrative review under IC 4-21.5, except an order under section 16(1) of this chapter, which is subject to review under IC 4-22-2.

*As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.30.*