

**CHAPTER 74:12:02**

**DRILLING**

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74:12:02:18 Cores and samples required to be sent to the state geologist.

74:12:02:19 Hydraulic fracturing reporting requirements.

74:12:02:19. Hydraulic fracturing reporting requirements. If hydraulic fracture stimulation is performed on an oil or gas well, the operator shall post on the FracFocus Chemical Disclosure Registry the following stimulation detail:

(1) Fracture date;

(2) American petroleum institute number;

(3) The operator name, county, and state;

(4) Well name and number, longitude, latitude, longitude/latitude projection, production type, true vertical depth, total water volume, and hydraulic fracturing fluid composition as follows:

(a) Trade name;

(b) Supplier;

(c) Purpose;

(d) Ingredients;

(e) Chemical abstract number;

(f) Maximum ingredient concentration in additive; and

(g) Maximum ingredient concentration in hydraulic fracturing fluid.

For the purpose of this section, the term, hydraulic fracturing stimulation, means the pressurized injection of fluids commonly made up of water and chemical additives into a geologic formation for the purposes of fracturing the host geologic formation.

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## CHAPTER 74:12:03

### ABANDONMENT AND PLUGGING OF WELLS

#### Section

74:12:03:01 Notification of plugging and abandoning of well.

74:12:03:02 Secretary to approve method of plugging.

74:12:03:03 Temporary abandonment of a well.

74:12:03:04 Markers required on abandoned wells.

74:12:03:05 Operators of wells responsible for plugging.

74:12:03:06 Surface reclamation of abandoned well sites.

74:12:03:07 Interim reclamation of well sites.

74:12:03:06. Surface reclamation of abandoned well sites. Within one year after plugging and abandoning a well, the site must be reclaimed, ~~in a manner approved by the secretary that will~~ Reclamation includes replacing topsoil, reseeding, revegetation, grading, disposing of drilling wastes, backfilling pits, correcting subsidence of backfilled pits or trenches, controlling weeds, controlling erosion, removing equipment, disposing of demolition debris, and other measures to return disturbed areas back to original condition or a condition acceptable to the surface landowner and prevent ground water or surface water contamination. If a reportable crude oil release occurred at the site in the past and was not properly remediated, the secretary may require additional soil contamination assessment and remediation pursuant to § 74:12:04:12, before reclamation is

approved. Completion of reclamation must be reported to the secretary on a sundry notice in accordance with 74:12:02:17.

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**Cross-Reference:** Remediation criteria for petroleum-contaminated soils, ch 74:56:05.

74:12:03:07. Interim reclamation of well sites. Interim reclamation must be conducted on all areas disturbed by a well drilling operation and not needed for production operations within 12 months after the well is completed. Interim reclamation includes replacing topsoil, reseeding, revegetation, grading, disposing of drilling wastes, backfilling temporary pits, correcting subsidence of backfilled pits or trenches, controlling weeds, controlling erosion, removing unused or discarded equipment, and other measures to return disturbed areas back to original condition or a condition acceptable to the surface landowner and prevent ground water or surface water contamination. Completion of interim reclamation must be reported to the secretary on a sundry notice in accordance with 74:12:02:17.

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