

## TITLE 267 – NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

### CHAPTER 1 – DEFINITIONS

- 001** **COMMISSION** shall mean the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Nebraska.
- 002** **DIRECTOR** shall mean Director of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Nebraska.
- 003** **AUTHORIZED DEPUTY** or **AGENT** shall mean a representative of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission authorized by the Director.
- 004** **BARREL** shall mean 42 (US) gallons at 60° F., at atmospheric pressure.
- 005** **CUBIC FOOT** of gas for reporting purposes shall be the volume of gas contained in one cubic foot of space at a standard pressure of 14.73 psia and at a standard temperature of 60° F.
- 006** **DAY** shall mean a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours.
- 007** **LOG** or **WELL LOG** shall mean a systematic detailed record of formations encountered in the drilling of a well.
- 008** **ACT** shall mean the Oil and Gas Conservation Act of the State of Nebraska.
- 009** **OIL WELL** shall mean a well, the principal production of which at the wellhead is oil as defined by the Act.
- 010** **GAS WELL** shall mean a well, the principal production of which at the wellhead is gas as defined by the Act and is not an oil well as defined above.
- 011** **WELL**, unless otherwise defined in these Rules and Regulations, shall refer only to an oil or gas well, or enhanced recovery injection or disposal injection well, or to a hole drilled for the purpose of producing oil or gas, or injecting fluids for enhanced recovery purposes or injecting wastes associated with oil and gas production, including salt water. It shall not include seismic, core or other exploratory holes drilled for the purpose of obtaining geological information.
- 012** **DESIGNATED AGENT**, when used herein, shall mean the designated representative of any oil or gas lessee, owner or operator.
- 013** The words **FIELD, POOL, PERSON, OWNER, PRODUCER, OIL, GAS, WASTE, CORRELATIVE RIGHTS** as defined by the Act apply in these Rules and Regulations.
- 014** **SPECIAL FIELD RULES** shall mean those rules promulgated for and limited in their application to individual pools or fields entirely or partially within the State of Nebraska.
- 015** **COMPLETION** or **RE-COMPLETION**. An oil well shall be considered completed when the first oil, exclusive of a quantity equal to any crude or refined oil injected into casing or formation as a part of the completion operations, is produced

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through wellhead equipment from the producing interval after casing has been run. A gas well shall be considered completed when the well is capable of producing gas through wellhead equipment from the producing zone after casing has been run. A dry hole or nonproductive well shall be considered completed when all provisions of plugging are complied with as set out in these rules.

- 016** **INITIAL PURCHASER** shall mean the purchaser having title to the oil or gas when it is first transported from the lease.
- 017** **COMMINGLING IN THE WELL BORE** shall mean the production of more than one pool concurrently through a common well bore without segregation within the well bore of the pools exposed to production.
- 018** **MULTIPLE COMPLETION** shall mean the completion of any one well in such a manner that each of two or more pools may be produced concurrently and independently through the same well bore and without commingling in the well bore of fluids produced from the various segregated pools.
- 019** **FRESH WATER** means a source of water used for drinking water purposes, or water contained in an aquifer which contains less than ten thousand (10,000) parts per million total dissolved solids, unless the aquifer is exempted by the Director.
- 020** An **INACTIVE WELL** is classified as SHUT-IN when the completion interval is open to the tubing or to the casing. An inactive well is classified as TEMPORARILY ABANDONED when the completion interval is isolated.
- 021** **DEQ** shall mean the Department of Environmental Quality of the State of Nebraska.
- 022** **EXEMPT E&P WASTE** shall mean those exploration and production wastes exempted from hazardous waste regulation under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).
- 023** **SURFACE WATERS** shall mean all waters within the state, including all streams, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and drainage systems. Surface waters do not include those areas designated as wastewater treatment ponds, irrigation reuse ponds, low-lying areas that retain water on a temporary basis and intermittent streams.
- 024** **ALL OTHER WORDS** used herein shall be given their usual customary and accepted meaning; and all words of a technical nature, or peculiar to the oil and gas industry, shall be given that meaning which is generally accepted in said oil and gas industry.

**Statute: 57-903; 57-904; 57-905; 57-917; 57-919; 57-920**

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