

**IDAPA 20 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS**

**20.07.02 - RULES GOVERNING CONSERVATION OF CRUDE OIL  
AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO**

**DOCKET NO. 20-0702-1401**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING**

**AUTHORITY:** In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 47-319(8), Idaho Code.

**MEETING SCHEDULE:** Public meetings on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

<b>Friday, June 6, 2014 8:30 a.m. MDT</b>	<b>Wednesday, June 18, 2014 8:30 a.m. MDT</b>
<b>Wednesday, July 2, 2014 8:30 a.m. MDT</b>	<b>Tuesday, July 22, 2014 8:30 a.m. MDT</b>
<b>Capitol Lincoln Auditorium (WW02) Lower Level, West Wing 700 W. Jefferson Street, Boise Idaho</b>	

The meeting site(s) will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation must be made not later than five (5) days prior to the meeting, to the agency address below.

**METHOD OF PARTICIPATION:** Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following:

Please contact Bobby Johnson at 208-334-0243 or [brjohnson@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:brjohnson@idl.idaho.gov) to be added to the e-mail list of interested parties. This list will be used to keep people informed of the rulemaking process. You may visit our website at [www.idl.idaho.gov](http://www.idl.idaho.gov) for updates on the process and draft rule changes. You may participate by attending at any of the above listed meetings, or submitting comments during any of the allowed comment periods.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY:** The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

IDAPA 20.07.02 was last updated by negotiated rulemaking in 2011 and approved by the Legislature in 2012. As IDL has administered the rule since 2012, the agency has identified provisions that need to be clarified and updated.

- Definitions and abbreviations need to be updated.
- Time periods will be clarified for publishing notices in newspapers.
- Reporting requirements for spud activities, cementing, and production need to be added.
- Well pad construction and step off requirements need to be added.
- Well treatment reporting requirements need to identify how chemical information is disclosed.
- Bond amounts for inactive wells need to be increased to adequately cover the potential well plugging liabilities, consistent with bonding requirements in other states, and the allocation of interest on cash bonds needs to be clarified.
- Blow out prevention testing and well control requirements need to be revised for consistency and allow inspection of device testing and installation.
- Well identification requirements need to include operator contact information and permit information.
- Well spacing and unit operations requirements need to be updated.
- New sections will be added addressing integration within spacing units, regulation of refrigeration, compression and dehydration facilities, and hydrocarbon storage requirements.

- Sections will be grouped by topic to improve the organization and readability of the rule.
- Non-substantive housekeeping changes are needed.

**CONTACT INFORMATION, WEB ADDRESS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, contact Bobby Johnson, Oil and Gas Program Manager. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Idaho Department of Lands web site at the following web address: [www.idl.idaho.gov](http://www.idl.idaho.gov).

All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before Tuesday, July 22, 2014.

DATED this 7th day of May 2014.

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