IDAPA 20 - IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

20.07.02 - CONSERVATION OF CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO DOCKET NO. 20-0702-1102

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 Sections 58-104(6), 58-105, and 47-317 Idaho Code.

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

Capitol Building Room WW53, Boise, ID
Wednesday, July 20, 2011 - 8 a.m 5 p.m.
Thursday, July 21, 2011 - 8 a.m 5 p.m.
Additional meetings will be held as needed through August 16, 2011. Visit www.idl.idaho.gov/adminrule/oilgasrulemaking.html for more info.

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

Please contact Eric Wilson at (208) 334-0261 or ewilson@idl.idaho.gov to be added to the email list of interested parties. This list will be used to keep people informed of the rulemaking process.

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:

Permanent rule changes are required to address well treatments and hydraulic fracturing. In addition, the Department also proposes the following changes: increasing minimum bond rates for single wells and blanket bonds; requiring inactive wells to be covered by an individual bond instead of a blanket bond; providing basic surface owner notification and damage compensation requirements; providing more comprehensive minimum standards for casing and cementing; requiring liners for all pits used for fluid storage and disposal; and requiring all holes to be logged.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a copy of the preliminary draft of the text of the proposed rule, contact Eric Wilson, (208) 334-0261 or ewilson@idl.idaho.gov.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before July 26, 2011.

DATED this 25th day of May, 2011.

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