

IDAPA 20 - DEPARTMENT OF LANDS

20.03.15 - THE ISSUANCE OF GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE LEASES

DOCKET NO. 20-0315-1201

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 47-1603, Idaho Code.

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

Thursday, July 12, 2012 -- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 19, 2012 -- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 26, 2012 -- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Idaho Department of Lands, Garnet East Conference Room
300 North 6th Street, Suite 103, Boise, Idaho**

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following: Please contact Bob Pietras at (208) 334-0279 or bpietras@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.

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:

The Department has drafted proposed changes to the current rule to be used as a starting point for negotiation. Key changes include deletion of the following three sections which were the focus of industries concerns.

- Section 055.06 – Shut Downs
- Section 055.08 – Sampling
- Section 056.04 – By-products

Other proposed deletions relate to “contract” language that is more appropriately addressed in the lease template. Site- and condition-specific language can then be negotiated with applicants on a case-by-case basis. Another proposed change includes clarifying the requirements and process for lease assignments (Section 075).

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 Bob Pietras at (208) 334-0279 or bpietras@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, 2012.

DATED this 19th day of June, 2012.

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