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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Resources & Environment Committee and the House Resources & Conservation Committee
FROM: Principal Legislative Research Analyst - Katharine Gerrity
DATE: September 02, 2014
SUBJECT: Idaho Department of Lands

IDAPA 20.07.02 - Rules Governing Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho - Proposed Rule (Docket No. 20-0702-1401)

The Idaho Department of Lands submits notice of proposed rulemaking at IDAPA 20.07.02 - Rules Governing Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho. According to the department, the purpose of the rulemaking is to group various sections of the rule by subject matter to improve organization and readability as well as to make some housekeeping revisions. The department states that it has added a number of new sections addressing the following topics that were not previously covered: organization reports, integration within spacing units, the disclosure of chemicals used in well treatments, well site operations, step-off requests, production reports, gas-oil ratio for well classification, tank batteries, and gas processing facilities. A number of new definitions have also been added. The department indicates that several existing sections have also been revised to correct statutory references and clarify that all records relating to the chapter are public records unless records are by law exempt from disclosure. The department notes that a period of time was included relating to the publication of legal notices, a provision was revised to allow public comment on applications for geophysical permits, clarification of the location of units was made, an increase was made to the inactive well bond amount and provisions were clarified relating to where interest on cash bonds will be deposited. The department also notes that the requirements for well signs were updated, the notice and inspection requirements were revised for spud, surface casing, blowout prevention, intermediate casing and production casing activities. In addition, the department states that revisions were made to the requirements for cable tools, a standardized scale requirement was added for drilling logs and the requirements for flaring of gas were revised.

Negotiated rulemaking was conducted. The rulemaking appears to be authorized pursuant to Section 47-319, Idaho Code.

cc: Idaho Department of Lands
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