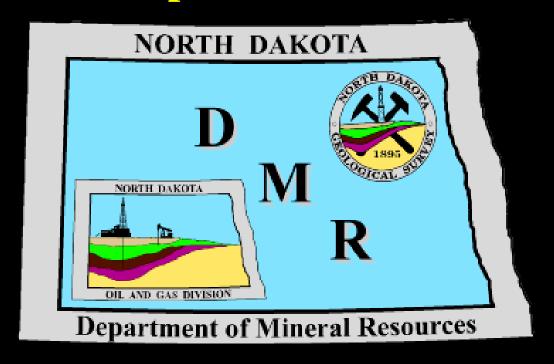


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North Dakota Rules Recently Implemented

Effective 10-01-2016

32 sections of NDAC amended

Effective 12-08-2016

ICO 27926—heel +toe setbacks

Effective 1-01-2017—held-over by ARC

6 sections of NDAC amended

North Dakota Rules Implemented

NDAC Ch 43-02-03

- -19: up to 12" topsoil (was 8")
- -28: SWHF+TP 500' from dwelling
- -30: Disclose Root Cause of Leaks
- -53 -53.4: **SWHF** rules + bond
- -90: Appl pays f/cont case notice > \$50
- -90.2: Hearing officer strike settlement terms from rec

North Dakota Rules Implemented

NDAC Ch 43-02-05 (UIC rules)

-07: Need Director approval if move inj pkr

NDAC Ch 43-02-08

- -03: Stripper well determination
 - Allows SI in qualifying period
 - If not capable of stripper well threshold

North Dakota Rules Implemented

ICO 27926—heel+toe setbacks—eff 12-8-16

- Amends 200' H+T setback of Bak orders
 - 150' at csg shoe (heel)
 - 50' if cemented liner in lateral
 - Frac out toe (wet shoe) requires 100' setback
 - 100' if utilize swell pkrs
 - Must have swell pkr btn 1st frac stage & TD
 - 150' if open hole
 - No operators currently complete open hole
- Amend permitted wells with Sundry Notice

NDAC 43-02-03-15

- Pipeline bonding
 - HB 1358 (4-20-15) required pipeline bonding
 - Crude oil and prod water pipelines only
 - Bond pipelines in use after 4-19-15
 - \$50,000 one pipeline
 - \$100,000 multiple pipelines
 - File bond by 7-1-17

NDAC 43-02-03-29

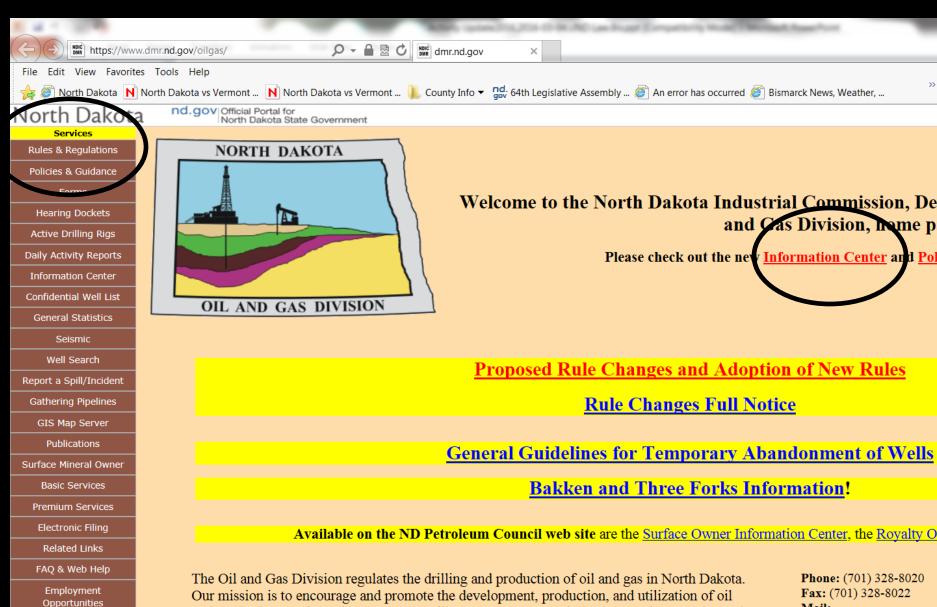
- Gas pipeline rules
 - Removed from Sec 29.1 after ARC hold-over
 - HB 1358 did not pertain to gas pipelines
 - No additional gas pipeline regs

NDAC 43-02-03-29.1

- Crude oil and prod water pipeline rules
- Notice to Director prior to new construction
- Design and construction requirements
- Reclamation
- Third party inspector must oversee construction
- Above ground equipment > 500' to dwelling
- GIS info must be submitted to Commission
 - Press, fluid type, depth, in-service date, monitoring
- Operating requirements
- Leak protection, detection, and monitoring
- Pipeline integrity, repair, abandonment

NDAC 43-02-03-49, -51.3, -53.3

- Perimeter berms around tanks and TPs
 - Comm to notify operator on sites requiring berms
 - Construct 6" berm in 180 days
 - Director may grant time extension
 - Director may grant modification to rule



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