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Proposed Rule Changes Now Final *Rules Take Effect April 1st, 2012*

Bismarck- The 2012 proposed oil and gas rule changes have now been approved. The final rules were presented to the Administrative Rules Committee this morning, and after no further action by the Committee, the rules will now take effect on April 1st, 2012.

There are 26 sections of rules that will now be adopted. Highlights of the rule changes include, increased bond amounts, the implementation of drilling pits, tougher hydraulic fracturing requirements as well as required hydraulic fracturing chemical disclosure on the national website fracfocus.org.

“The 2012 final rules being adopted by the Commission are truly a historical event,” says Oil and Gas Assistant Director Bruce Hicks. “These rule changes are the most significant changes we have made in the 31 years I’ve been with the Commission. We believe the 2012 final rules will ensure the oil industry remains good stewards to our land, while maintaining North Dakota’s attractive business climate.”

Final rules can be found on the Oil and Gas Division website at www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas

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