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Hearing Set on Gas Flaring Policy

BISMARCK – The Oil & Gas Division of the Department of Mineral Resources has scheduled a special hearing to address the North Dakota Industrial Commission’s newly-adopted policy on reducing gas flaring.

The hearing will be held at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, at the department’s offices, 1000 E. Calgary Ave. in Bismarck.

The commission will consider amending field rules relating to the Bakken and Three Forks pool that restrict oil production and consider any additional steps to reduce gas flaring.

Persons interested in testifying should be prepared to supply testimony of a technical nature.

The commission is seeking input on the following:

1. Length of time wells should be allowed to produce at maximum while flaring?
2. What production rate restrictions are appropriate for wells connected to gas gathering or beneficial uses?
3. What types of administrative approval of exemptions from production restrictions are appropriate?
4. What consideration should be given to ambient air quality regarding production rates or restrictions?
5. Should production rates and restrictions be adjusted for well economics and percentage of gas captured by well site, field-pool, region or operator?
6. Should production rates for wells not connected to gas gathering or beneficial uses be reduced in stages or set at a low rate after payout?

Written comments may be submitted to brkadrmas@nd.gov no later than 5 p.m., Monday, April 21.

Action items from the commission’s new flaring policy can be found on the Oil & Gas Division website: www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/presentations/NDIC030314_100.pdf