
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits carbon dioxide sequestration activity and permitting unless advance notice is provided via certified mail to operators of record for existing wells and all surface and mineral owners within the area of review for a Class VI permit or within 500 feet for a Class V permit.

Present law requires applicants for Class V and Class VI well permits to provide notice of the application via U.S. mail to the following parties:

- (1) The last operator of record for any oil or gas well located within the area of review for the Class VI permit or within 500 feet of the Class V well.
- (2) Any person known to the applicant after reasonable search, including owners and operators acting on behalf of the person, that presently has the right to drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate production either for himself or others within the Class VI area of review or within 500 feet of the Class V well.

Proposed law adds a prohibition on any carbon dioxide sequestration or carbon dioxide sequestration permitting without first providing advance written notice via certified mail to all persons owning property planned to be used in a storage project and all person owning any interest, including mineral interests in such property.

Proposed law changes present law to require permit applicants to send notice via certified mail of the permit application to all of the following:

- (1) The last operator of record for oil and gas wells within the Class VI area of review or within 500 feet of the Class V well.
- (2) All mineral interest owners within the Class VI area of review or within 500 feet of the Class V well, including owners in interest, mineral servitude owners, mineral lessees, and operators acting on behalf of such mineral owners.
- (3) All surface owners within the Class VI area of review or within 500 feet of the Class V well.

Proposed law provides that the permit application can satisfy the requirement to notify all surface owners by providing notice to all persons listed as current owners by the parish assessor.

(Amends R.S. 30:1115)