
DIGEST

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HB 585 Reengrossed

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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.

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 persons owning any interest, including mineral interests in such property.

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 ft. 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 ft. of the Class V well.

Proposed law changes present law to require permit applicants to send notice of the permit application via certified mail 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 ft. of the Class V well.
- (2) All mineral interest owners within the Class VI area of review or within 500 ft. 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 ft. of the Class V well.

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

Proposed law requires that all notices be completed before the permit application can be considered complete.

Proposed law requires the dept. to post notices of Class VI and Class V permits on their website as well.

(Amends R.S. 30:1115)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add a requirement that the Dept. of Energy and Natural Resources post notices of Class VI well permit applications and applications for Class V wells related to carbon dioxide sequestration projects on their website.
2. Require notice to be completed prior to a Class V permit application can be considered complete, rather than after the application is submitted.
3. Make technical changes.