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(as of 3-1-91)

## RULE 705. - COMMENCEMENT, DISCONTINUANCE, AND ABANDONMENT OF INJECTION OPERATIONS

A. The following provisions shall apply to all injection projects, storage projects, salt water disposal wells and special purpose injection wells:

#### B. Notice of Commencement and Discontinuance

- (1) Immediately upon the commencement of injection operations in any well, the operator shall notify the Division of the date such operations began.
- operations or within 30 days after discontinuance of injection operations into any other well, the operator shall notify the Division of the date of such discontinuance and the reasons therefor. (New imperators well may be temperarily abandoned for a period exceeding six months unless the injection interval has been isolated by use of cement or a bridge plug.) The Director of the Division may delay the cement or bridge plug requirements above upon a demonstration that there is a continuing need for such a well, that the well exhibits mechanical integrity, and that continued temporary abandonment will not endanger underground sources of drinking water.
- (3) Before any injection well is plugged, the operator shall obtain approval for the well's plugging program from the appropriate District Office of the Division in the same manner as when plugging oil and gas wells or dry holes.

### C. Abandonment of Injection Operations

- (1) Whenever there is a continuous six-month period of non-injection into any injection project, storage project, salt water disposal well, or special purpose injection well, such project or well shall be considered abandoned, and the authority for injection shall automatically terminate <u>ipso facto</u>.
- (2) For good cause shown, the Division Director may grant an administrative extension or extensions of injection authority as an exception to Paragraph (1) above.

## RULE 706. - RECORDS AND REPORTS

(as of 3-1-91)

- A. The operator of an injection well or project for secondary or other enhanced recovery, pressure maintenance, natural gas storage, salt water disposal, or injection of any other fluids shall keep accurate records and shall report monthly to the Division gas or fluid volumes injected, stored, and/or produced as required on the appropriate form listed below:
  - (1) Secondary or Other Enhanced Recovery on Form C-115;
  - (2) Pressure Maintenance on Form C-115 and as otherwise prescribed by the Division;
  - (3) Salt Water Disposal on Form C-120-A;
  - (4) Natural Gas Storage on Form C-131-A; and
  - (5) Injection of other fluids on a form prescribed by the Division.
- B. The operator of a liquefied petroleum gas storage project shall report annually on Form C-131-B, Annual LPG Storage Report.