

must provide all of the information required by Rule 1103 including operator and well identification and proposed procedures for plugging said well, and in addition the operator shall provide a well-bore diagram showing the proposed plugging procedure. Twenty-four hours notice shall be given prior to commencing any plugging operations. In the case of a newly drilled dry hole, the operator may obtain verbal approval from the appropriate District Supervisor or his representative of the method of plugging and time operations are to begin. Written notice in accordance with this rule shall be filed with the Division ten (10) days after such verbal approval has been given. [1-1-50...2-1-96]

202.B. PLUGGING

- (1) Before any well is abandoned, it shall be plugged in a manner which will permanently confine all oil, gas and water in the separate strata in which they are originally found. This may be accomplished by using mud-laden fluid, cement and plugs singly or in combination as approved by the Division on the notice of intention to plug. [1-1-50...2-1-96]
- (2) The operator shall mark the exact location of plugged and abandoned wells with a steel marker not less than four inches (4") in diameter set in cement and extending at least four feet (4') above mean ground level. The operator name, lease name and well number and location, including unit letter, section, township and range, shall be welded, stamped or otherwise permanently engraved into the metal of the marker. No permanent structures preventing access to the wellhead shall be built over a plugged and abandoned well without written approval of the OCD. No plugged and abandonment marker shall be removed without the written permission of the OCD. [1-1-50...2-1-96; A, 3-31-00]
- (3) As soon as practical but no later than one year after the completion of plugging operations, the operator shall:
 - (a) fill all pits;
 - (b) level the location;
 - (c) remove deadmen and all other junk; and
 - (d) take such other measures as are necessary or required by the Division to restore the location to a safe and clean condition.[7-12-90...2-1-96]
- (4) Upon completion of plugging and clean up restoration operations as required, the operator shall contact the appropriate district office to arrange for an inspection of the well and location. [7-12-90...2-1-96]
- (5) Below-ground plugged and abandonment markers can be used only with written permission of the OCD when an above-ground marker would interfere with agricultural endeavors. The below-ground marker shall have a steel plate welded onto the surface or conductor pipe of the abandoned well and shall be at least 3 feet below the ground surface and of sufficient size so that all the information required by Rule 103 can be stenciled into the steel or welded onto the surface of the steel plate. The OCD may require a re-survey of the well location. [3-31-00]

202.C. Reports

