

*in the spacing unit and the income therefrom and in conformance with the general spacing pattern. Unless actual drilling has been commenced under said drilling permit within six (6) months from the date of the issuance of such permit, such permit shall be void.*

45G. (a) *The Department shall prescribe rules and regulations governing the practice and procedure before the Department.*

(b) *No rule, regulation or order, or amendment thereof, except in an emergency, shall be made by the Department without a public hearing upon at least ten (10) days' notice. The public hearing shall be held at such time and place as may be prescribed by the Department, and any interested person shall be entitled to be heard.*

(c) *When an emergency requiring immediate action is found to exist, the Department is authorized to issue an emergency order without notice or hearing, which shall be effective upon promulgation. No emergency order shall remain effective for more than fifteen (15) days.*

(d) *Any notice required by this sub-title shall be given at the election of the Department either by personal service or by service by publication as provided in the Public General Laws of Maryland in any legal action involving real estate in the State of Maryland. The notice shall issue in the name of the State, shall be signed by the Director of the Department, shall specify the style and number of the proceedings, the time and place of the hearing, and shall briefly state the purpose of the proceeding. Should the Department elect to give notice by personal service, such service may be made by an officer authorized to serve process, or by any agent of the Department, in the same manner as is provided by law for the service of citation in civil actions in the courts of the State. Proof of the service by such agent shall be by the affidavit of the person making personal service.*

(e) *All rules, regulations and orders issued by the Department shall be in writing, shall be entered in full and indexed in books to be kept by the Department for that purpose, and shall be public records open for inspection at all times during reasonable office hours. A copy of any rule, regulation or order certified by any member of the Department or the Director of the Department shall be received in evidence in all courts of this State with the same effect as the original.*