

(d) 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.

(e) The Department may act upon its own motion, or upon the petition of any interested person. On the filing of a petition concerning any matter within the jurisdiction of the Department, the Department shall promptly fix a date for a hearing thereon and shall cause notice of the hearing to be given. The hearing shall be held without undue delay after the filing of the petition. **IF THE HEARING RELATES TO ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR OR WITH RESPECT TO A SPECIFIC WELL, THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OR CITY WHEREIN THE WELL IS LOCATED.** The Department shall enter its order within ten (10) days after the hearing.

~~648BB~~ 648Z. (a) The Department shall have the power to summon witnesses, to administer oaths, and to require the production of records, books and documents for examination at any hearing or investigation conducted by it. ~~No person shall be excused from attending and testifying, or from producing books, papers and records before the Department or a court, or from obedience to the subpoena of the Department or a court, on the ground or for the reason that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him, may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture; provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring any person to produce any books, papers or records or to testify in response to any inquiry not pertinent to some question lawfully before such Department or court for determination. No natural person shall be subjected to criminal prosecution or to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter or thing concerning which, in spite of his objection, he may be required to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, before the Department or court, or in obedience to its subpoena; provided, that no person testifying shall be exempted from prosecution and punishment for perjury committed in so testifying.~~

(b) In case of failure or refusal on the part of any person to comply with the subpoena issued by the Department or in case of the refusal of any witness to testify as to any matter regarding which he may be interrogated, any court in the State, upon the application of the Department, may issue an attachment for such person and compel him to comply with such subpoena, and to attend before the Department and produce such records, books and documents for examination and to give his testimony. Such court shall have the power to punish for contempt as in the case of disobedience to a like subpoena issued by the court or for refusal to testify therein.

~~648CC~~ 648AA. Any person adversely affected by any rule, regulation, DETERMINATION or order of the Department may within