

**Article – Natural Resources**

6-104.1.

(a) An applicant for a permit to drill a well under § 6-104 of this subtitle shall submit an application in a manner satisfactory to the Department. [The application shall include:

(1) Certification by the applicant that the applicant has notified, in writing, each landowner and leaseholder of real property that borders the proposed drillable lease area of the applicant's intention to file an application for permit to drill a well, provided that an applicant for a proposed well in an underground storage reservoir existing on January 1, 1988 need only notify the owners or leaseholders of property within 2,000 feet of the proposed well;

(2) A copy of the applicant's written notice to landowners and leaseholders under paragraph (1) of this subsection, which includes:

(i) A description of the location and boundaries of the proposed drillable lease area sufficiently detailed for the proposed operation to be easily located by local residents;

(ii) The location where the application is available for public inspection; and

(iii) Notice that any interested person may submit written comments and requests for a public hearing to the Department for at least 30 days after the date of the applicant's notice;

(3) Written approval by the local zoning authority that all local planning and zoning requirements are met; and

(4) Except for an application for a permit to drill an underground storage well, an environmental assessment that shall contain a comprehensive analysis of potential impacts to the environment resulting from exploration and production of oil or gas including:

(i) All adverse environmental impacts that may not be avoided or mitigated;

(ii) All adverse environmental impacts that may be avoided or mitigated, together with the measures that may be taken to avoid or mitigate these impacts;

(iii) The potential damage resulting from the loss of the beneficial use of property, natural resources, or economic livelihood that may result from a discharge of oil or gas or other production or exploration activities;

(iv) The modes of transportation that may be used to transport oil or gas discovered at the proposed site and the potential environmental impacts that may result from the use of these modes of transportation;