

(1951 Edition), title "Natural Resources", sub-title "Conservation of the Natural Resources", said new sections to be known as Sections 45A-45M, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 45 of said Article and to be under a new sub-heading "Oil and Gas", and to read as follows:

*45A. (Oil and Gas.) The Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, hereinafter called Department, in furtherance of its general powers of supervision over the natural resources of the State and their conservation for the public use, is hereby authorized and empowered to make effective the provisions of this sub-title and to adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be proper for this purpose. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED AND PROMULGATED UNDER ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUB-HEADING SHALL BE EFFECTIVE WITHIN THE LIMITS OF GARRETT COUNTY UNLESS THE RULE OR REGULATION SHALL HAVE BEEN EXPRESSLY APPROVED BY A WRITTEN RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY.*

*45B. It is the declared policy of the State that its natural resources be conserved and that waste of oil and gas be prohibited.*

*45C. (a) The Department is hereby given jurisdiction and authority over all persons and property, public and private, necessary to enforce effectively the provisions of this sub-title.*

*(b) The Department is hereby authorized, and it is its duty, to make such investigations as it deems proper to determine whether waste exists or is imminent or whether other facts exist which justify action by the Department.*

*(c) The Department is hereby authorized:*

*(1) To require: (a) identification of ownership of oil or gas wells, producing leases, tanks, plants, structures, and facilities for the transportation or refining of oil and gas; (b) the making and filing of well logs, directional surveys, and reports on well location, drilling, and production; (c) the drilling, casing, operation, and plugging of wells in such manner as to prevent the escape of oil or gas out of one zone into another, the intrusion of water into oil or gas zones, except when authorized for secondary recovery water flood operations, the pollution of fresh water supplies by oil, gas, or salt water, and to prevent*