

WILFULLY TAKE GAS THEREFROM UNLESS SUCH GAS BE METERED BY A STANDARD SYSTEM OF METERING. THE CLEANING OR BLOWING OF A WELL SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A "TAKING" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THIS SECTION. IF ANY PERSON OR OPERATOR PRODUCING GAS FROM ANY WELL SHALL VIOLATE THE TERMS OF THIS SECTION, THEN HIS INTEREST IN THE LEASE UNDER WHICH THE WELL IS BEING PRODUCED SHALL BE VOID AND SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AT THE SUIT OF THE OWNERS OF THE ROYALTY INTEREST IN THE LEASED PREMISES ON WHICH THE VIOLATION OCCURS.

(b) *The Department shall inspect, or require one of its authorized agents to inspect, read or test any meters, through which natural gas is being measured upon the request of any lessor, lessee, operator or royalty owner from whose land, lease or royalty interest natural gas is being produced.*

~~648HH~~ 648FF. *The Department 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.*

~~648H~~ 648GG. *As used in this sub-title, unless the context otherwise requires:*

(a) *"Department" means the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources.*

(b) *"Person" means and includes any natural person, corporation, association, partnership, receiver, trustee, executor, administrator, guardian, fiduciary or other representative of any kind and includes any department, agency or instrumentality of the State or of any governmental sub-division thereof; the masculine gender, in referring to a person, includes the feminine and the neuter genders.*

(c) *"Oil" means and includes crude petroleum oil and other hydrocarbons regardless of gravity which are produced at the well-head in liquid form except liquid hydrocarbons known as distillate or condensate recovered or extracted from gas.*

(d) *"Gas" means and includes all natural gas and all other fluid hydrocarbons not hereinabove defined as oil that are produced from a natural reservoir.*

(e) *"Pool" means an underground reservoir containing a common accumulation of oil or gas or both. ; a zone is a specified geological interval of formation or formations of a structure which is completely separated from any other zone in the same structure defined by the Department; each defined zone is a pool, as that term is used in this sub-title.*

(f) *"Field" means the general area underlaid by one or more pools.*

(g) *"Owner" means the person who has the right to drill into and produce from a pool and to appropriate the oil or gas he produces therefrom either for himself or others.*

(h) *"Producer" means the owner of a well or wells capable of producing oil or gas or both.*