

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 681(k) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(B) EMERGENCY ORDERS.—WHEN AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION EXISTS, THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY ORDER WITHOUT NOTICE OR HEARING. AN EMERGENCY ORDER TAKES EFFECT UPON PROMULGATION. AN EMERGENCY ORDER MAY NOT REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR MORE THAN 15 DAYS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 681(c) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(C) RECORDING; COPIES AS EVIDENCE.—ALL RULES, REGULATIONS, AND ORDERS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE IN WRITING, ENTERED AND INDEXED IN BOOKS KEPT BY THE DEPARTMENT AS PUBLIC DOCUMENTS OPEN FOR INSPECTION DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS. A COPY OF ANY RULE, REGULATION, OR ORDER CERTIFIED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OR HIS DESIGNEE SHALL BE RECEIVED IN EVIDENCE IN ALL COURTS WITH THE SAME EFFECT AS THE ORIGINAL.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 681(d) of the Code. A substantive change has been made restricting to the "Secretary or his designee" the power to certify rules or orders rather than any member of the department. The only other changes made are in style.

(D) ACTION ON PETITION OF INTERESTED PERSON.—THE DEPARTMENT MAY ACT EITHER UPON ITS OWN MOTION OR THE PETITION OF ANY INTERESTED PERSON. ON THE FILING OF A PETITION CONCERNING ANY MATTER WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION, IT SHALL PROMPTLY FIX A DATE FOR A HEARING AND CAUSE NOTICE OF THE HEARING TO BE GIVEN. THE HEARING SHALL BE HELD PROMPTLY AFTER THE FILING OF THE PETITION. IF THE HEARING RELATES TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR OR WITH RESPECT TO A SPECIFIC WELL, IT SHALL BE HELD IN THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WHERE THE WELL IS LOCATED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER ITS ORDER WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE HEARING.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 681(e) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.