

OTHERWISE CONDUCT ANY OPERATION FOR THE STORAGE OF NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL GAS OR PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AND THEIR DERIVATIVES MAY CONTAIN THE RESTRICTIONS THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES NECESSARY IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST TO PROTECT THE WATERS OF THE STATE, INCLUDING SUBSURFACE AND PERCOLATING WATERS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section presently appears as Article 66C, section 691 of the Code. The next-to-last sentence has been transferred to section 6-308 while the final sentences have been transferred to section 6-307. The only other changes made are in style.

6-304. REGULATIONS IN ADDITION TO RULES OF DEPARTMENT.

THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS ARE ADDITIONAL TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND DO NOT LIMIT THE RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT GRANTED UNDER § 6-303:

(A) EVERY APPLICANT FOR A STORAGE PERMIT SHALL, AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION, FILE WITH THE DEPARTMENT A SURETY BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000, PAYABLE TO THE COMPTROLLER OF THE STATE ON A FORM APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND EXECUTED BY A RESPONSIBLE SURETY COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE. THE BOND IS INTENDED TO ASSURE THAT NECESSARY SAFETY MEASURES ARE MAINTAINED, AND THAT ANY WELL OR OTHER OPENING USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STORAGE PROJECT IS PROPERLY SEALED AFTER ABANDONMENT OF THE PROJECT IF THIS ACTION IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT TO PROTECT ONE OR MORE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE. ANY TRANSFEREE SHALL FILE A SIMILAR BOND.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This subsection presently appears as Article 66C, section 694(a) of the Code. The only changes made are in style.

(B) A PERMEABLE SAND OR STRATUM CONTAINING GAS, OR INTO WHICH GAS OR A LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM DERIVATIVE HAS BEEN FORCED UNDER PRESSURE, MAY NOT BE DRILLED OR LEFT OPEN IN A MANNER PERMITTING AN AVOIDABLE ESCAPE OF GAS TO OCCUR. A WELL CONNECTED WITH A STORAGE RESERVOIR CONTAINING EITHER NATURAL GAS OR A PETROLEUM DERIVATIVE STORED UNDER PRESSURE, MAY NOT BE SITUATED WITHIN 50 YARDS OF ANY EXISTING BUILDING USED AS A RESIDENCE OR OFFICE.