

BY adding to

Article - Natural Resources  
Section 6-104.1 and 6-104.2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1983 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Natural Resources

6-101.

It is in the public interest to foster, encourage, and promote the development, production, and utilization of natural resources of oil and gas in the State, to prevent waste, to protect the environmental resources of the State from adverse effects associated with drilling, production, and underground storage of gas and oil, and to protect fully the rights of every owner to the end that landowners, royalty owners, producers of oil and gas, and the general public realize and enjoy the greatest possible good from these vital natural resources.

6-102.

(a) In this [subtitle,] SUBTITLE the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) "County" includes Baltimore City unless otherwise indicated.

(c) "Department" means Department of Natural Resources.

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

(e) "Gas" means all natural gas and other fluid hydrocarbons, not defined as oil, which are produced from a natural reservoir.

(f) "Oil" means crude petroleum oil and other hydrocarbons, regardless of gravity, which are produced at the wellhead in liquid form, except liquid hydrocarbons known as distillate or condensate recovered or extracted from gas.

(g) "Owner" means the person who has the right to drill into and produce from a pool, or to store in a pool, and appropriate the oil or gas [he] THE PERSON produces or stores either for [himself] THE PERSON or others.