

(B) (1) The Department [may] SHALL require an applicant to submit AN environmental [impact studies] ASSESSMENT for the purpose of evaluating an application.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN ITS EVALUATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.

(C) The permit serves as the permit required under the provisions of Title 9, Subtitle 13 of the Environment Article, dealing with well drillers.

(D) A person may not dispose of any product of a gas or oil well without the necessary permits issued by the Department of Natural Resources or the Department of the Environment.

6-104.1.

(a) An applicant for a permit to drill a well under § 6-104 of this subtitle shall submit an application in a manner satisfactory to the Department. The application shall include:

(1) Certification by the applicant that the applicant has notified, in writing, each landowner and leaseholder of real property that borders the proposed drillable lease area of the applicant's intention to file an application for permit to drill a well, provided that an applicant for a proposed well in an underground storage reservoir existing on January 1, 1988 need only notify the owners or leaseholders of property within 2,000 feet of the proposed well;

(2) A copy of the applicant's written notice to landowners and leaseholders under paragraph (1) of this subsection, which includes:

(i) A description of the location and boundaries of the proposed drillable lease area sufficiently detailed for the proposed operation to be easily located by local residents;

(ii) The location where the application is available for public inspection; and

(iii) Notice that any interested person may submit written comments and requests for a public hearing to the Department for at least 30 days after the date of the applicant's notice; [and]

(3) Written approval by the local zoning authority that all local planning and zoning requirements are met; AND

(4) EXCEPT FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO DRILL AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE WELL, AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT THAT SHALL CONTAIN A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT RESULTING FROM EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION OF OIL OR GAS INCLUDING:

(I) ALL ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT MAY NOT BE AVOIDED OR MITIGATED;