

TITLE 267 – NEBRASKA OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CHAPTER 3 – DRILLING, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCING AND ABANDONMENT

032 SEISMIC AND STRATIGRAPHIC TESTS

Before any person shall commence operations for the drilling of any seismic hole, such person shall file with the Director an accurate plat of all such holes, the proposed depths and the date such operations are expected to commence. The Director or authorized agent shall approve the method used to plug such holes. No permit fee shall be required.

Wells drilled as stratigraphic type test holes shall come under these rules and regulations with the following exceptions: No fee shall be required for the drilling of a stratigraphic test hole, but Form 2, "Notification of Intent to Drill or Re-Enter," shall be filed with the Director and approved by him prior to the drilling of each test or hole. Locations may be approved within three hundred thirty (330) feet of legal subdivision lines, but estimated total depths do not have to be included in notifications. Records, plugging affidavits and logs do not have to be filed with the Commission except within a period of six (6) months after completion of drilling. In the case of a series of wells drilled as a part of a single investigational program, records, plugging affidavits and logs may be filed with the Commission within six (6) months after completion of the last test hole drilled providing that the Director is informed of the approximate number of tests to be included in the program and that the period of not more than thirty (30) days separate the completion of one test and the commencement of the next test. Special permission for time extension between drilling of successive test holes may be granted by the Director or his authorized deputy for justifiable reasons.

Upon written request by the operator, all records, plugging affidavits, logs, plats and geologic information will be held confidential for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

The operator or drilling contractor shall maintain an accurate map or plat of all shallow exploratory, stratigraphic or seismic holes for a period of at least five (5) years after completion of a program, and all holes shall be satisfactorily plugged.

