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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
MISSISSIPPI OIL AND GAS BOARD**

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule 28 of the Statewide Rules and Regulations of the State Oil and Gas Board: Section 53-1-17 of the Mississippi Code of 1972

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule: Rule 28 of the Statewide Rules and Regulations of the Mississippi State Oil and Gas Board

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:

The Mississippi Oil and Gas Board proposes to amend Statewide Rule 28 to provide for the integrity of plugged wells. The purpose of these amendments is to assure that the plugging procedure in Mississippi will prevent pollution of land and fresh water sources from improperly plugged wells. The Board is of the opinion that these changes are necessary to comply with the federal standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Mississippi Oil and Gas Board proposes to amend Statewide Rule 28 by adding the following sentence at the end of Paragraph 2(a) (**changes noted by bold print**):

The extension of inactive well status shall not affect the extension or dissolution of the unit as provided in Rule 7 and Rule 8 hereof.

This provision establishes a regular procedure for mechanical integrity tests on inactive wells.

The Mississippi Oil and Gas Board proposes to amend Paragraph B(2) of Statewide Rule 28 as follows (**changes noted by bold print**):

2. All holes **in which no casing was run** shall be plugged **as follows**:

a. The hole shall be filled with mud, and cement plugs of not less than one hundred (100) feet in length shall be placed to protect each producible pool and a cement plug **of not less than one hundred (100) feet** must be placed approximately fifty (50) feet below all freshwater-bearing strata, together with additional cement plugs to properly protect all uncased freshwater-bearing sands. Further, a cement plug of not less than one hundred (100) feet shall be placed at the bottom of the surface pipe **(50 feet in and 50 feet out)**. A cement plug **of at least twenty-five (25) feet shall be placed inside the casing near the surface of the ground, the casing cut off in such a manner so as not to interfere with soil cultivation, and a steel plate welded to the top of the casing tub.**

b. **Such other plugs as are deemed necessary by the Board to properly plug the well.**

c. **Placement of all plugs shall be verified by tagging in a manner acceptable to the Board. In lieu of tagging the placement of plugs, the operator may double the size of the plug set forth in Paragraph (a) above.**