

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 545

BY REPRESENTATIVE JIM MORRIS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MINERALS: Provides for the disposal of produced waters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 30:5(D)(5), relative to the disposal of produced waters; to  
3 authorize the disposal of produced waters in certain formations; to provide for  
4 consent from adjacent owners, producers, or operators; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 30:5(D)(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §5. Permission to convert gas into carbon black; recycling gas; unit operations

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10 D.

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12 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an owner,  
13 producer, or operator in the Caddo Pine Island Field in Caddo Parish shall be  
14 authorized to dispose or reinject produced saltwaters into the productive interval of  
15 the ~~Nacatoch~~ Nacatoch Formation or the Blossom Formation without unitization of  
16 the entire reservoir; however, the consent of the other owners, producers, or  
17 operators operating within a one-fourth mile radius of such wells shall be obtained  
18 prior to the commencement of the disposal or injection of such saltwaters.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the disposal of produced water into the Blossom Formation.

Present law authorizes an owner, producer, or operator in the Caddo Pine Island Field in Caddo Parish to dispose or reinject produced saltwaters into the productive interval of the Nacatoch Formation without unitization of the entire reservoir. Present law requires that consent of the other owners, producers, or operators operating within a 1/4 mile radius of such wells be obtained prior to the commencement of the disposal or injection of such saltwaters.

Proposed law retains present law except adds that an owner, producer, or operator is also authorized to dispose or reinject produced saltwaters into the productive interval of the Blossom Formation.

(Amends R.S. 30:5(D)(5))