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SENATE BILL NO. 545

BY SENATOR ALLAIN

MINERALS. Defines inactive well and provides for the powers and duties of the commissioner of conservation. (8/1/18)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact the introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:4(D) and to enact R.S. 30:3(18)
3	and 4(T), relative to the commissioner of conservation; to provide for definitions; to
4	provide for powers and duties of the commissioner; to provide for inactive wells and
5	determination of future utility; to provide for rules and regulations; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. The introductory paragraph of R.S. 30:4(D) is hereby amended and
9	reenacted and R.S. 30:3(18) and 4(T) are hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§3. Definitions
11	* * *
12	(18) "Inactive well" means an unplugged well that has been spud or has
13	been equipped with cemented casing and that has had no reported production,
14	disposal, injection, or other permitted activity for a period of greater than six
15	months and is not part of an approved production program.
16	§4. Jurisdiction, duties, and powers of the assistant secretary commissioner; rules
17	and regulations

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2	D. The assistant secretary commissioner shall make, after notice and public
3	hearing as provided in this Chapter, any reasonable rules, regulations, and orders that
4	are necessary:
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6	T. The commissioner shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance
7	with the Administrative Procedure Act to define the term "future utility" and
8	establish the factors to be considered when making the determination of future
9	utility.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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Proposed law defines an "inactive well" as an unplugged well that has been spud or has been equipped with cemented casing and that has had no reported production, disposal, injection, or other permitted activity for a period of greater than six months and is not part of an approved production program.

Proposed law requires the commissioner to adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the APA to define the term "future utility" and establish the factors to be considered when making the determination of future utility.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 30:4(D)(intro para); adds R.S. 30:3(18) and 4(T))