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SUMMARY

- Requires horizontal oil and gas well owners that drill in state parks to disclose the chemical components of the materials used in the drilling operation.
- Requires the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management to immediately post the information the Chief receives on the Division's website.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Disclosure of oil and gas drilling information

Background

Current law requires any person drilling for oil and gas within Ohio to file with the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management certain records relating to the drilling. The person must file the information within 60 days after completing drilling operations to the proposed total depth or after determining that a well is a dry or lost hole. As part of that filing, the person must disclose both of the following:

1. The type and volume of fluid used to stimulate the reservoir of the well. This information does not include information that is designated as a trade secret pursuant to current law.
2. The trade name and the total volume of all products, fluids, and substances, and the supplier of each product, fluid, or substance used to stimulate the well. The owner must include a list of all chemicals, not including any information that is designated as a trade secret pursuant to current law, intentionally added to all products, fluids, or substances

and include each chemical's corresponding chemical abstracts service number and the maximum concentration of each chemical.¹

Disclosure regarding drilling in state parks

The bill states that notwithstanding any provision of the Revised Code to the contrary, the owner of a horizontal well that operates in or under a state park established under state law must disclose the trade name and all chemical components of all products, fluids, and substances used in the drilling and operation of the well to the Chief. The owner must disclose the trade name and chemical components at least 30 days before using any such product, fluid, or substance. The Chief must immediately post the information the Chief receives on the Division's website.²

Current law defines "horizontal well" as a well that is drilled for the production of oil or gas in which the wellbore reaches a horizontal or near horizontal position in the Point Pleasant, Utica, or Marcellus formation and the well is stimulated. "Horizontal well" does not include a stratigraphic well.³

HISTORY

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¹ R.C. 1509.10(A)(9) and (10) and (I), not in the bill.

² R.C. 1509.101.

³ R.C. 1509.01, not in the bill.