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To amend section 1509.19 of the Revised Code to
prohibit well stimulation unless all methane gas
released as a result of the proposed stimulation
of the well is captured by the owner of the well
or the owner's authorized representative and to
revise other requirements governing well
stimulation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 1509.19 of the Revised Code be
amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1509.19. (A) No owner shall stimulate a well in this
state unless all methane gas released as a result of the
stimulation is captured by the owner or the owner's authorized
representative. Prior to well stimulation, the owner shall provide
sufficient evidence to the chief of the division of oil and gas
resources management that all such methane gas will be captured.

The chief shall adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119.
of the Revised Code establishing all of the following:

(1) Standards of evidence to be used by an owner for the

purpose of showing that all methane gas that will be released as a 19
result of the proposed stimulation of a well will be captured; 20

(2) Procedures for submitting the evidence required by 21
division (A) of this section to the chief; 22

(3) Procedures to be utilized by the chief to verify that an 23
owner is in compliance with division (A) of this section and rules 24
adopted under it. 25

(B) An owner who complies with division (A) of this section 26
and who elects to stimulate a well shall stimulate the well in a 27
manner that will not endanger ~~underground sources of drinking~~ 28
~~water~~ ground water. Not later than twenty-four hours before 29
commencing the stimulation of a well, the owner or the owner's 30
authorized representative shall notify an oil and gas resources 31
inspector. If during the stimulation of a well damage to the 32
production casing or cement occurs and results in the circulation 33
of fluids from the annulus of the surface production casing, the 34
owner shall immediately terminate the stimulation of the well and 35
notify the chief ~~of the division of oil and gas resources~~ 36
~~management~~. If the chief determines that the casing and the cement 37
may be remediated in a manner that isolates the oil and gas 38
bearing zones of the well, the chief may authorize the completion 39
of the stimulation of the well. If the chief determines that the 40
stimulation of a well resulted in irreparable damage to the well, 41
the chief shall order that the well be plugged and abandoned 42
within thirty days of the issuance of the order. 43

For purposes of determining the integrity of the remediation 44
of the casing or cement of a well that was damaged during the 45
stimulation of the well, the chief may require the owner of the 46
well to submit cement evaluation logs, temperature surveys, 47
pressure tests, or a combination of such logs, surveys, and tests. 48

Section 2. That existing section 1509.19 of the Revised Code 49

is hereby repealed.