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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MINES AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT,
MARCH 8, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 30, 1955 (P.L.756, No.225),
2 entitled, as amended, "An act relating to coal mining, well
3 operations and the underground storage of gas, except in
4 storage reservoirs excavated in rock formations specifically
5 for storage purposes, the safety of personnel and facilities
6 employed therein, and the protection of the people residing
7 in the area and their property rights; prescribing the rights
8 and duties of well operators, before, during, and after the
9 drilling of wells for the production, extraction or storage
10 of any gas, petroleum or other liquid; regulating the
11 underground storage of gas under workable coal seams;
12 prescribing the rights and duties of owners and operators of
13 coal mines in relation to wells and underground storage
14 areas; granting certain corporations a limited right of
15 eminent domain to appropriate interests in real property for
16 surface and sub-surface operations in connection with the
17 underground storage of gas; creating the Oil and Gas Division
18 of the Department of Mines and defining its personnel, powers
19 and duties; providing for hearings and the procedures to be
20 followed therein and imposing duties upon the courts and
21 providing methods for the enforcement of the provisions of
22 this act and imposing penalties," requiring notice to the
23 department of any well capped for any reason by well
24 operators and requiring production data reports.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
26 hereby enacts as follows:

27 Section 1. The act of November 30, 1955 (P.L.756, No.225),

1 known as the "Gas Operations Well-Drilling Petroleum and Coal
2 Mining Act," is amended by adding sections to read:

3 Section 205.1. Report of Capped Wells.--Every well operator
4 shall file a written report with the Department of Environmental
5 Resources whenever he causes a well to be capped for any reason
6 whatsoever. Said report shall be sent to the department within
7 three days of capping.

8 Section 205.2. Production data.--(a) Every well operator
9 shall notify the department within thirty days of any well being
10 placed into operation.

11 (b) Every well operator shall file a quarterly report with
12 the department listing certain production data of each well.

13 (c) The department is hereby authorized to adopt rules and
14 regulations regarding the filing of data pursuant to this
15 section and section 205.1.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.