

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 995 Session of 2011

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SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, JUNE 20, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 35 (Health and Safety) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, IN COMMONWEALTH SERVICES, requiring
3 that the operator of each permitted UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND
4 gas well within Pennsylvania post certain 911 response
5 information at the entrance to each well site.



6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
9 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

10 § 7321. Gas UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS well 911 emergency
11 response information.



12 The agency and the Department of Environmental Protection
13 shall adopt emergency regulations directing the operators of all
14 UNCONVENTIONAL gas and oil wells within this Commonwealth to do
15 all of the following:



16 (1) Adopt a unique GPS coordinate address for each
17 UNCONVENTIONAL gas or oil well at both the access road
18 entrance and wellpad site.



1 (2) Register that address with the agency, the
2 Department of Environmental Protection and the ~~local~~ COUNTY ←
3 emergency management organization within the county where the
4 UNCONVENTIONAL gas or oil well is located. ←

5 (3) Require the development of an emergency response
6 plan and file that plan with the agency, the Department of
7 Environmental Protection and the county emergency management
8 organization with jurisdiction over the UNCONVENTIONAL gas or ←
9 oil well. THE COUNTY SHALL DISSEMINATE THE GPS ADDRESS AND ←
10 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN TO THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
11 ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE UNCONVENTIONAL GAS OR OIL WELL IS
12 LOCATED.

13 (4) Post a reflective sign at the entrance to each well
14 site with the specific address of that site, the coordinates
15 for the site, the emergency contact number for the operator
16 and such other information as the agency or the Department of
17 Environmental Protection deems necessary.

18 Section 2. Regulations promulgated under 35 Pa.C.S. § 7321
19 shall apply to both new and existing UNCONVENTIONAL gas and oil ←
20 wells within this Commonwealth.

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.