



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1509.09 Changing location of well after issuance of permit.

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A well may be drilled under a permit only at the location designated on the map required in section 1509.06 of the Revised Code. The location of a well may be changed after the issuance of a permit only with the approval of the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management and, if the well is located in a coal bearing township, with the approval of the chief of the division of mineral resources management using the procedures required in section 1509.08 of the Revised Code for a permit to drill a well unless the permit holder requests the issuance of an emergency drilling permit under this section due to a lost hole under such circumstances that completion of the well is not feasible at the original location. If a permit holder requests a change of location, the permit holder shall return the original permit and file an amended map indicating the proposed new location.

Drilling shall not be commenced at a new location until the original permit bearing a notation of approval by the chief or chiefs is posted at the well site. However, a permit holder may commence drilling at a new location without first receiving the prior approval required by this section, if all of the following conditions are met:

(A) Within one working day after spudding the new well, the permit holder files a request for an emergency drilling permit and submits to the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management an application for a permit that meets the requirements of section 1509.06 of the Revised Code, including the permit fee required by that section, with an amended map showing the new location.

(B) An oil and gas resources inspector is present before spudding operations are commenced at the location.

(C) The original well is plugged prior to the skidding of the drilling rig to the new location, and the plugging is witnessed or verified by an oil and gas resources inspector or, if the well is located in a coal bearing township, both a deputy mine inspector and an oil and gas resources inspector unless the chief or the chief's authorized representative temporarily waives the requirement, but in any



event the original well shall be plugged before the drilling rig is moved from the location.

(D) The new location is within fifty feet of the original location unless, upon request of the permit holder, the chief, with the approval of the chief of the division of mineral resources management if the well is located in a coal bearing township, agrees to a new location farther than fifty feet from the original location.

(E) The new location meets all the distance and spacing requirements prescribed by rules adopted under sections 1509.23 and 1509.24 of the Revised Code.

(F) If the well is located in a coal bearing township, use of the new well location has not been disapproved by the chief of the division of mineral resources management and has not been prohibited as a term or condition of the permit under section 1509.08 of the Revised Code.

If the chief of the division of oil and gas resources management approves the change of location, the chief shall issue an emergency permit within two working days after the filing of the request for the emergency permit. If the chief disapproves the change of location, the chief shall, by order, deny the request and may issue an appropriate enforcement order under section 1509.03 of the Revised Code.