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## **Urban Drilling**

The focus of HB 278/299 gives the division sole authority in Ohio for permitting and citing of oil and gas wells production facilities.

Applicants filing for a drilling permit should take notice of #'s 24 and 25 of Form 1 that pertain to urban drilling.

An urbanized area can be determined by checking the 2010 Census information provided on The Ohio Department of Natural Resources website. On the homepage of “[www.dnr.state.oh.us/](http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/)” choose “Mineral Resources” from the top menu. Then choose “Oil & Gas” on the left menu, and finally “Urban Drilling Requirements” from the left menu.

## **Urban Area Drilling Permit Fees**

Permit fees for urban areas and non-urban areas are not the same. Permit fees for applications to drill new urban wells are as follows.

- \$1,000 for all municipal corporations regardless of population.
- \$1,000 for townships with a population exceeding 15,000.
- \$750 for a township with a population of 10,000 to 14,999.
- \$500 for a township with a population of 5,001 to 9,999.

These fees do not apply to revised drilling units, re-issues of permits already issued, and plug-backs.

## **Rules for Urban Area Application**

.pdf and .xls files pertaining to urban area drilling can be found at the same web address mentioned above.

## **Best Management Practices for Oil and Gas Companies and Related Contractors**

The general guidelines for the proper planning, construction and restoration of well sites, access roads and other disturbed land to help reduce soil loss and procedures to ensure proper water sample collection can be found in .pdf and .xls formats at the web address mentioned above.