



DO YOU HAVE AN OLD AND ABANDONED OIL AND GAS WELL ON YOUR PROPERTY?

Altering or tampering with this well may cause personal injury, environmental damage and/or financial liability. It may also make locating and plugging these wells in the future much more difficult.

PERSONAL INJURY and/or death can result from encountering:

- unknown pressures
- flammable liquids
- explosive gases
- toxic gases

ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE can result from oil, gas and brine contamination of:

- surface and subsurface soil
- springs, streams, rivers and lakes
- water wells

FINANCIAL LIABILITY, costing hundreds to thousands of dollars, can include:

- property damage
- medical costs
- environmental damage and cleanup costs
- loss of wildlife, livestock and pets
- plugging costs
- legal fees and fines

OHIO ORPHAN WELL PROGRAM

Landowners who think that a well on their property is abandoned can call the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (DOGRM) and request that an inspection be conducted on the well. If, after the inspection and required research is completed, the well is found to have no viable owner, it will be referred to the Orphan Well Program. All wells in this program are prioritized according to severity and/or threat of hazard to public health and safety.

More information about the Orphan Well Program is available on the DOGRM website at:
oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/orphanwellprogram.

CONTACT US

Contact the division when abandoned oil and gas wells are found. DOGRM inspectors will document each well, record the location coordinates and conduct a thorough inspection. The DOGRM regulates all oil and gas drilling and production activities in Ohio, including permitting, well drilling, production and well plugging.

A listing of county inspectors and their contact information can be found on the DOGRM website:
oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov/inspectors.



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