



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 1501:9-10-05 Burial of pipelines.

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(A) Metallic and nonmetallic pipelines. Excluding all pipelines utilized in the actual drilling or operation of oil and/or natural gas well(s) and pipelines used to transport leasehold gas. No person shall lay an oil and/or natural gas pipeline used in the producing of oil and/or natural gas wells that is constructed of metallic or nonmetallic materials unless such pipeline is buried at least twenty-four inches below the ground surface. The owner of such pipeline under this paragraph shall be exempt from such burial requirements if he finds that:

- (1) The land across which the pipeline is to be laid is not reasonably expected to be under cultivation; or
- (2) The pipeline can be buried with less than twenty-four inches of cover with minimal risk of safety or environmental damage; or
- (3) The topographical features or ground conditions prevent the efficient burial of pipelines; or
- (4) The terms of the oil and gas lease prohibit the burial of pipelines or permit surface installation.

(B) Whenever a pipeline is laid in accordance with one or more of the above exemptions, the owner of such pipeline shall file a statement with the chief of the division of mineral resources management identifying:

- (1) Owner's name and address,
 - (2) The location of the pipeline, and
 - (3) The exceptions justifying the construction.
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