



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 1501:9-3-08 Temporary storage of saltwater and oil field waste.

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(A) All pits used for the temporary storage of saltwater and oil field wastes shall be liquid tight and constructed and maintained so as to prevent escape of saltwater and oil field wastes. The level of saltwater in excavated pits shall at no time be permitted to rise above the lowest point of the ground surface level. All pits shall have a continuous embankment surrounding them sufficiently above the level of the surface to prevent surface water from entering. Such pits shall not be used in an area which is subject to flooding by streams, rivers, lakes or drainage ditches, unless so constructed that the pits would not normally be affected by flooding. No pit may be used for the ultimate disposal of saltwater. Saltwater and oil field wastes shall be drained or removed and properly disposed of periodically, at intervals not to exceed one hundred eighty days.

(B) Where tanks are used to contain saltwater and oil field wastes, they shall be liquid tight. Burial of any tank is prohibited except by written permission from the chief and where the burial is witnessed by an oil and gas well inspector. Steel tanks in use and proposed for use by burial shall be cathodically protected, and the chief shall make additional requirements as are necessary to prevent leakage of saltwater. No tank composed of a material other than steel shall be used for burial except by written permission of the chief. An oil and gas well inspector may gauge any tank at any time to determine if leakage is occurring.

(C) Pits may be used for the temporary storage of frac-water and other liquid substances produced from the fracturing process, but upon termination of the fracturing process, pits not otherwise permitted by this rule shall be emptied, the contents disposed of in accordance with law and the pits filled in, unless this requirement is waived or extended as provided in section 1509.072 of the Revised Code.

(D) In addition to all other remedies provided by law, the chief may prohibit the use or require the repair of any pit or tank which fails to conform to any of the requirements of this rule.

(E) Any violation of any requirement contained in Chapter 1501:9-3 of the Administrative Code



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shall be prohibited and punishable under Chapter 1509. of the Revised Code, and shall be enforceable by other remedies as provided by law.