



Ohio Revised Code

Section 1571.02 Filing of map by reservoir operator.

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(A) Any reservoir operator who, on September 9, 1957, is injecting gas into, storing gas in, or removing gas from a reservoir shall within sixty days after such date file with the division of oil and gas resources management a map thereof as described in division (C) of this section, provided that if a reservoir operator is, on September 9, 1957, injecting gas into or storing gas in a reservoir solely for testing, the reservoir operator shall at once file such map with the division.

(B) If the injection of gas into or storage of gas in a gas storage reservoir is begun after September 9, 1957, the operator of such reservoir shall file with the division a map thereof as described in division (C) of this section, on the same day and not less than three months prior to beginning such injection or storage.

(C) Each map filed with the division pursuant to this section shall be prepared by a registered surveyor, registered engineer, or competent geologist. It shall show both of the following:

(1) The location of the boundary of such reservoir and the boundary of such reservoir's protective area, and the known fixed monuments, corner stones, or other permanent markers in such boundary lines;

(2) The boundary lines of the counties, townships, and sections or lots that are within the limits of such map, and the name of each such county and township and the number of each such section or lot clearly indicated thereon. The legend of the map shall indicate the stratum or strata in which the gas storage reservoir is located.

The location of the boundary of the gas storage reservoir as shown on the map shall be defined by the location of those wells around the periphery of such reservoir that had no gas production when drilled into the storage stratum of such reservoir, provided that if the operator of such reservoir, upon taking into consideration the number and nature of such wells, the geological and production knowledge of the storage stratum, its character, permeability, and distribution, and operating



experience, determines that the location of the boundary of such reservoir should be differently defined, the reservoir operator may, on such map, show the boundary of such reservoir to be located at a location different than the location defined by the location of those wells around the periphery of such reservoir that had no gas production when drilled into the storage stratum.

Whenever the operator of a gas storage reservoir determines that the location of the boundary of such reservoir as shown on the most recent map thereof on file in the division pursuant to this section is incorrect, the reservoir operator shall file with the division an amended map showing the boundary of such reservoir to be located at the location that the reservoir operator then considers to be correct.

(D) Each operator of a gas storage reservoir who files with the division a map as required by this section shall, at the end of each six-month period following the date of such filing, file with the division an amended map showing changes, if any, in the boundary line of such reservoir or of such reservoir's protective area that have occurred in the six-month period. Nothing in this division shall be construed to require such a reservoir operator to file an amended map at the end of any such six-month period if no such boundary changes have occurred in such period.

An operator of a gas storage reservoir who is required by this section to file an amended map with the division shall not be required to so file such an amended map after such time when the reservoir operator files with the division a map pertaining to such reservoir, as provided in section 1571.04 of the Revised Code.