
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the secretary of the Dept. of Conservation and Energy from limiting the surface injection pressure for onsite saltwater disposal wells in Bossier, Caddo, and Webster Parishes to less than 0.5 lbs. per foot or 0.25 lbs. per foot depending on the depth and injection volume of the well.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Conservation and Energy to regulate disposal wells, including saltwater disposal wells.

Proposed law prohibits the secretary from limiting any onsite or community saltwater disposal wells in the parishes of Bossier, Caddo, and Webster to a surface injection pressure less than:

- (1) 0.5 lbs. per vertical foot for wells deeper than 1,200 feet that inject less than 3,000 barrels per day.
- (2) 0.25 lbs. per vertical foot for wells deeper than 1,200 feet that inject 3,000 barrels or more per day.
- (2) 0.25 lbs. per vertical foot for wells up to 1,200 feet deep.

Proposed law authorizes onsite saltwater disposal well operators with an existing permit that limits the injection pressure to an amount less than those provided by proposed law to apply to the dept. to have their permits modified to comply with proposed law.

Proposed law specifies that proposed law does not apply to commercial saltwater disposal wells.

(Adds R.S. 30:4(C)(16)(d))