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Abstract: Requires carbon capture storage unit operators to compensate nonconsenting mineral owners within a unit for the value of stranded minerals or reimburse them for the additional costs required by the Dept. of Conservation and Energy to drill through the unit.

Present law provides that the formation of a carbon dioxide storage unit does not prevent mineral interest owners from drilling through the storage unit if the drilling complies with rules established by the Dept. of Conservation and Energy.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that a nonconsenting mineral interest owner must be reimbursed for additional material costs required by the dept. to drill through the storage unit.

Proposed law further requires that if drilling through a unit is not allowed, the unit operator must compensate a nonconsenting mineral interest owner for the value of minerals located beneath the storage unit.

(Amends R.S. 30:1104.2(I))