
DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases existing fees and fee caps and creates new fees collected by the office of conservation.

Present law authorizes the office of conservation in the Dept. of Natural Resources to collect annual fees from operators of capable oil and gas wells based on a tiered system and on injection wells and facilities.

Proposed law increases the caps on these annual fees beginning Fiscal Year 2015-2016 as follows:

	<u>Present Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Capable oil and gas wells	\$2,450,000	\$6,125,000
Class I wells	\$ 400,000	\$1,000,000
Class II, III, and storage wells and type A and B facilities	\$ 875,000	\$2,187,500

Present law requires from the revenue collected from mineral leases on state-owned land, \$15 per acre be deposited into the La. Wildlife Conservation Fund and \$5 into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund.

Proposed law changes present law by increasing the amount deposited into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund from \$5 to \$15.

Present law levies fees for safety inspections on transporters of gas by pipeline and a fee on transporters of hazardous liquids by pipeline in an amount not to exceed \$22.40 per mile or \$400 per pipeline facility, whichever is greater.

Proposed law increases the fee on both types of pipelines from the greater of \$22.40 per mile or \$400 per pipeline facility to the greater of \$39.20 or \$800 per pipeline facility.

Present law authorizes the office of conservation to collect application fees in a form and schedule prescribed by the office and authorizes the increase of those fees, through the Administrative Procedure Act, not to exceed 8½% of the fees charged on July 1, 2002.

Proposed law changes present law by authorizing, in addition to the fees charges on July 1, 2015, collecting the following fees:

Application for alternate unit well, exception to 29-E, exception to 29-B, severance tax relief, downhole combinations, well product reclassification, selective completion, pilot projects, waiver of production test, or critical date order	\$	504	
Application for work permit - minerals	\$	75	
Application to amend permit to drill - minerals (lease unit well, stripper, incapable, other)	\$	50	
Operator registration	\$	105	
Annual compliance review fee - class III solution mining cavern	\$	2,000	
Annual compliance review fee - class II hydrocarbon storage and exploration and production waste cavern	\$	2,000	
Class III carbon dioxide enhanced recovery project	\$	5,000	
Community saltwater disposal system initial notification	\$	125	
Application for work permit - injection or other	\$	125	
Work permit to plug & abandon a well utilized for naturally occurring radioactive waste disposal	\$	500	
Requests to modify well permit	\$	300	
Class V permit waiver or exemption request	\$	250	
Witnessed verification of mechanical integrity tests	\$		250
Transfer stations regulatory fee for exploration and production waste	\$	2,500	
Request to transport exploration and production waste to commercial facilities or transfer stations	\$	150	
Authorization for after-hours disposal of exploration and production waste	\$	150	
Exploration and production waste determination	\$	300	
Commercial facility transfer station application	\$	1,500	
Commercial facility application exclusive of an associated well	\$	3,000	
Commercial facility annual closure plan and cost estimate review	\$	300	
Commercial facility reuse material applications	\$	300	
Reuse material applications not associated with a commercial facility	\$	400	

(Amends R.S. 30:21(B)(1), 136.1(D), 560(B), and 706)