

ALABAMA STATE OIL AND GAS BOARD
GOVERNING THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE OF GAS IN
SOLUTION-MINED CAVITIES
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 400-6-14
SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT

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In addition to the rules set forth in Rule 400-1-9-.01 et seq. or 400-2-8-.01 et seq., whichever is applicable the following rules and regulations shall apply:

(1) Personnel experienced and trained in the operation of underground storage facilities shall monitor the facility or control site when gas is being injected or withdrawn from any storage well.

(2) The wellheads and related equipment and controls shall be protected from trespassers and accidental physical damage by a method approved by the Supervisor.

(3) Before a storage operator shall commence injecting gas into the storage cavity, said storage operator shall submit a written contingency plan to the Supervisor. The plan shall describe the storage operator's emergency response communication system, procedures for coordination of emergency communication and response activities with local authorities, use of warning systems, procedures to provide public safety, and employee training. Other information shall be required as deemed necessary by the Supervisor. The plan shall be reviewed and updated annually and submitted to the Supervisor.

(4) Each storage operator of an underground storage facility shall conduct a semi-annual safety inspection of such facility and file with the Supervisor a written report consisting of the inspection procedure and results within thirty (30) days following the inspection. Such inspections shall be conducted during the months of January and July of each year. The operator shall notify the Supervisor at least five (5) days prior to such inspections so that a duly authorized representative of the Supervisor may be present to witness the inspections. Inspections shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Operation of all manual valves;
- (b) Operation of all automatic shut-in safety valves, if applicable;
- (c) Wellheads and related equipment; and
- (d) Warning signs, safety fences, etc., if applicable.

(5) Additional inspections may be made by the Supervisor or his representatives. All reports required by this rule shall be subject to inspection at this time.

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