

**Meeting Minutes of the Rules Committee of the
North Carolina Mining and Energy Commission
June 27, 2013
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm**

I. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order and Notice of NCGS 138A-15

Chairwoman Pickle called the meeting of the Rules Committee to order at 3:01 pm in the Ground Floor Hearing Room, Archdale Building in Raleigh, NC. Chairwoman Pickle read the relevant excerpt of the State Government Ethics Act, and asked Commission Members to consider whether or not they had conflicts of interest with respect to any items on the agenda. No conflicts were reported.

The following persons were in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

Committee Members

Amy Pickle (Chairwoman)
Charlotte Mitchell
George Howard
Charles Holbrook
Jane Lewis-Raymond

Attorney General's Office

Jennie Wilhelm Hauser

DENR Staff Member

Layla Cummings Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary's Office
Walt Haven, Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (DEMLR)
Katherine Marciniak, DEMLR
Ryan Channell, DEMLR
Rosalind Harris, DEMLR

Others in Attendance

Refer to the attached meeting sign-in sheets.

2. Review and approval of minutes from the June 6, 2013 meeting

Ms. Charlotte Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Charles Holbrook seconded. The motion passed.

Chairwoman Pickle announced the Ms. Jane Lewis- Raymond will be joining the Rules Committee.

3. Revisions or additions to Agenda

None

II. Action Items: Preparation of Well Construction Rules for Transmittal to Full MEC

The Committee made the following changes:

- Deletion of purpose statement (05H .0XX1);
- Formatting on rules that incorporate outside references, i.e. API standards and practices, will have the rule requirement first and then the reference listed in the paragraph;
- Casing will mean length of pipe; string of casing will mean 2 or more joined sections of casing pipe;

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- Delete “relatively low pressure” (page 1, line 28);
- Move “formation integrity test” to appropriate alphabetical location in text;
- Insertion of “which is incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments” into text where other NC rules are listed;
- Incorporate by reference API Recommended Practice 10D-2 for Centralizer Placement and Stop Collar Testing - 05H.OXX6 (d);
- Page 4, Line 33: reorganized the paragraph and struck “site specific geological conditions;”
- 05H.OXX7 (f) – “No operations may be resumed until” replaced “Cemented casing strings shall remain static until;”
- Page 5, line 26: struck “if evidence of local conditions indicate a specific cement is necessary;”
- Research what would qualify as “effective” for determination of cement bond (page 5, line 30);
- The following word choice changes were made:
 - Remove “type” from annular and shear ram BOPs;
 - “casing string” to “string of casing”;
 - “borehole” to “wellbore” and add definition for wellbore;
 - Page 5, line 12: “inhibits” to “minimize”
- Add definitions for mouse hole, rat hole, packer, and bull plug.

III. Public Comment- No public comments.

IV. Concluding Remarks-

Chairman Womack requested that the Rules Committee begin drafting and defining the “list of actors” involved.

Adjournment

Chairwoman Pickle adjourned the meeting at 5:39 pm.

DEMLR Staff contact for this Committee: Walt Haven, Energy Program Supervisor – NCDENR.