

561—17.2(458A) Application and permit.

17.2(1) *Production of oil, gas, or metallic minerals.* Prior to commencement of operations, including the drilling of any well, an application on a form prescribed by the department shall be delivered to the director for a permit to drill, deepen, or plug back any well for oil, or gas or metallic mineral production. The application for each well shall be accompanied by a fee of \$50, and an organization report and a bond must be on file in the department or must accompany the application.

An accurate plat, map, or sketch prepared by a licensed surveyor or engineer must accompany the application. The plat shall be drawn neatly and to scale and shall show the distance from the two nearest lease lines and from the two nearest section lines, and from the nearest completed or drilling wells on the same lease.

The department shall not issue a permit to drill if the application is not properly completed or if a well drilled at the location applied for would cause or tend to cause waste or violate correlative rights. The applicant may appeal the decision of the department to the environmental protection commission in accordance with 567—Chapter 7.

Unless extended in writing by the department, the permit shall expire six months from the date of issue if the work for which the permit was issued is not being actively pursued.

17.2(2) *Stratigraphic test wells.* Before commencing exploratory drilling for geological information relating to oil, gas, or metallic mineral production, or the underground storage of natural gas, an application for a drilling permit shall be filed with the director. One application may be filed for a group or series of exploratory wells within a designated area. The application shall be accompanied by a plat of the general area to be covered by township and range listing the approximate number and depth of the holes, and outlining the parcels where drilling is contemplated. The plat shall indicate the nature of the applicant's property interest in each parcel where drilling is contemplated. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$200. The applicant shall comply with the requirements in rules 561—17.4(458A) and 561—17.5(458A) concerning organization reports and bonding.

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