

# ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

**TITLE 62: MINING  
CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
RESOURCES PART 240 THE ILLINOIS OIL  
AND GAS ACT  
SECTION 240.1250 WHEN WELLS SHALL BE PLUGGED AND  
DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION**

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- a) Structure, coal and mineral test holes shall be plugged within thirty (30) days after drilling ceases unless **written permission is given by the Department as set forth in subsection (c) below or the hole is** converted to a potable water well in accordance with Section 240.1290; however, if such hole is to be used as a mineral or coal groundwater monitoring well, the well shall be plugged in accordance with subsection (c) below. The permittee shall contact the District Office responsible for the area in which the permit is located 24 hours prior to beginning drilling operations covered by that permit.
- b) Mineral or coal groundwater monitoring wells shall be plugged when no longer used for the purpose for which they were permitted. At least 24 hours prior to commencing plugging the permittee shall notify the District office for the county in which the well is located.
- c) **Structure test holes testing for geological structure for gas storage shall be plugged within thirty (30) days after drilling ceases unless written permission is given by the Department. Upon written request from the permittee, the Department may allow the permittee to postpone plugging of the well for additional testing. The permittee shall provide any documentation or updated reporting at the request of the Department during any postponement of plugging.**
- d) **Schematic Diagram: The applicant shall submit a schematic diagram of the proposed injection well showing:**
  - 1) **the total depth and plugged back depth of the well;**
  - 2) **the sizes and depths of the holes drilled for the surface casing, mine or intermediate casing, and production casing;**
  - 3) **the sizes and depths of all casing in the well and any additional casing to be used in the well;**

- 4) the amount of cement used for each string of casing in the well and any additional cement to be used in the well;