

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Office of Oil Gas and Minerals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Office of Oil, Gas, and Minerals (OOGM), will conduct a public hearing on proposed administrative rules promulgated pursuant to Part 615, Supervisor of Wells, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA). The rules are identified as R 324.102, R 324.103, R 324.201, R 324.202, R 324.203, R 324.206, R 324.210, R 324.301, R 324.302, R 324.303, R 324.304, R 324.407, R 324.411, R 324.413, R 324.418, R 324.503, R 324.511, R 324.613, R 324.705, R 324.1015, R 324.1103, R 324.1202, R 324.1204, and R 324.1206 of the Michigan Administrative Code are amended and R 324.1401, R 1402, R 324.1403, R 324.1404, R 324.1405, and R 324.1406. These rules are to address concerns of Michigan citizens over potential impacts of high volume hydraulic fracturing. The rules also clarify and update provisions on well spacing, well locations and drilling tracts, filing of permit applications, and contested case responses.

The public hearings will be held on July 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at, in the Treetops Resort, 3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord, Michigan 49735 and July 16, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in the Lansing Center, 333 East Michigan Avenue, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

Copies of the proposed rules (ORR 2013-101 EQ) can be downloaded from the Internet through the Office of Regulatory Reinvention at <http://www.michigan.gov/orr>. Copies of the rules may also be obtained by contacting the Lansing office at:

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All interested persons are invited to attend and present their comments on the proposed rules. Anyone unable to attend may submit comments in writing to the address above. Written comments must be received by July 31, 2014.

Persons needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the OOGM at 517-284-6823 one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

This notice of public hearing is given in accordance with Sections 41 and 42 of Michigan's Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) 24.241 and 24.242. Administration of the rules is by authority conferred on the Director of the MDEQ by Section 61506(a), of NREPA, MCL 324.61506. These rules will become effective immediately after filing with the Secretary of State.

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