

HOUSE BILL No. 4167

February 7, 1991. Introduced by Rep. Alley and referred to the Committee on Conservation, Recreation and Environment.

A bill to amend section 2 of Act No. 315 of the Public Acts of 1969, entitled
"Mineral well act,"
being section 319.212 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of Act No. 315 of the Public Acts of
2 1969, being section 319.212 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 Sec. 2. As used in this act:

5 (a) "Person" means any individual, corporation, company,
6 association, joint venture, partnership, receiver, trustee,
7 guardian, executor, administrator, personal representative or
8 private organization of any kind.

9 (b) "Owner" means the person who has the right to drill,
10 convert or operate any well subject to this act.

1 (c) "Operator" means the person, whether owner or not,
2 supervising or responsible for drilling, operating, repairing,
3 abandoning or plugging of wells subject to this act.

4 (d) "Supervisor" means the supervisor of mineral wells.

5 (e) "Board" means the advisory board appointed by the super-
6 visor and approved by the director and commission.

7 (f) "Director" means the director of THE DEPARTMENT OF natu-
8 ral resources.

9 (g) "Commission" means the commission of ~~natural resources~~
10 CONSERVATION AND RECREATION.

11 (h) "Natural brine" means naturally occurring mineralized
12 water other than potable or fresh water.

13 (i) "Artificial brine" means mineralized water formed by
14 dissolving rock salt or other readily soluble rocks or minerals.

15 (j) "Underground storage cavity" means a cavity formed by
16 dissolving rock salt or other readily soluble rock or mineral, by
17 nuclear explosion, or by any other method for the purpose of
18 storage or disposal.

19 (k) "Pollution" means damage or injury from the loss,
20 escape, or unapproved disposal of any substance at any well
21 subject to this act.

22 (l) "Waste product" means waste or byproduct resulting from
23 municipal or industrial operations or waste from any trade, manu-
24 facture, business, or private pursuit which could cause pollution
25 and for which underground disposal may be feasible or practical.

26 (m) "Mineral well" means any well subject to ~~the provisions~~
27 ~~of~~ this act.

1 (n) "Brine well" means a well drilled or converted for the
2 purpose of producing natural or artificial brine.

3 (o) "Test well" means a well, core hole, core test, observa-
4 tion well, or other well drilled from the surface to determine
5 the presence of a mineral, mineral resource, ore, or rock unit,
6 or to obtain geological or geophysical information or other sub-
7 surface data, but shall not include holes drilled in the opera-
8 tion of a quarry, open pit, or underground mine.

9 (p) "Storage well" means a well drilled into a subsurface
10 formation to develop an underground storage cavity for subsequent
11 use in storage operations.

12 (q) "Disposal well" means a well drilled or converted for
13 subsurface disposal of waste products or processed brine and its
14 related surface facilities.

15 (r) "Exploratory purposes" means test well drilling for the
16 specific purpose of discovering or outlining an orebody or mine-
17 able mineral resource.

18 (s) "Underground waste" means damage or injury to potable
19 water, mineralized water, or other subsurface resources.

20 (t) "Surface waste" means damage to, injury to, or destruc-
21 tion of surface waters, soils, animal, fish and aquatic life, or
22 surface property from unnecessary seepage or loss incidental to
23 or resulting from drilling, equipping, or operating a well or
24 wells subject to this act.

25 Section 2. This amendatory act shall not take effect unless
26 all of the following bills of the 86th Legislature are enacted
27 into law:

1 (a) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4177

2 (request no. 00827'91).

3 (b) Senate Bill No. _____ or House Bill No. 4173

4 (request no. 00827'91 a).