

January 17, 2003

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 2125

Page 1, line 1, after "reenact" insert "subsections 1 and 2 of section 38-08-04.5 and"

Page 1, line 2, after "oil" insert "; and to provide an appropriation"

Page 1, after line 3, insert:

"SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Subsections 1 and 2 of section 38-08-04.5 of the North Dakota Century Code are amended and reenacted as follows:

1. Revenue to the fund must include:
 - a. Fees collected by the oil and gas division of the industrial commission for permits or other services.
 - b. Moneys received from the forfeiture of drilling and reclamation bonds.
 - c. Moneys received from any federal agency for the purpose of this section.
 - d. Moneys donated to the commission for the purposes of this section.
 - e. Moneys received from the state's oil and gas impact fund.
 - f. Moneys recovered under the provisions of section 38-08-04.8.
 - g. Moneys recovered from the sale of equipment and oil confiscated under ~~the provisions of~~ section 38-08-04.9.
 - h. Such other moneys as may be deposited in the fund for use in carrying out the purposes of plugging or replugging of wells or the restoration of well sites.
2. Moneys in the fund may be used for the following purposes:
 - a. Contracting for the plugging of abandoned wells.
 - b. Contracting for the reclamation of abandoned drilling and production sites, saltwater disposal pits, drilling fluid pits, and access roads.
 - c. To pay mineral owners their royalty share in confiscated oil.

Page 1, line 15, remove "and oil"

Page 1, line 16, after the underscored period insert "If the commission exercises its authority under this section and there is salable oil at the well, that oil must be confiscated. The commission shall pay the mineral owners the royalty interest in the oil confiscated. In determining the mineral owners and their royalty interests, the commission may rely upon the most recent division order it is able to obtain. If one is unavailable or the commission finds the order unreliable, the commission may rely upon any other source of information the commission deems reasonable to determine and pay mineral owners."

Renumber accordingly