

Introduced by

Energy and Natural Resources Committee

(At the request of the Department of Mineral Resources)

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 38-08-04 of the  
2 North Dakota Century Code, relating to the jurisdiction of commission and adding wellhead and  
3 equipment located at or on oil or gas well sites.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subdivision b of subsection 1 of section 38-08-04 of the North  
6 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

7 b. To regulate:

8 (1) The drilling, producing, and plugging of wells, the restoration of drilling and  
9 production sites, and all other operations for the production of oil or gas.

10 (2) The shooting and chemical treatment of wells.

11 (3) The spacing of wells.

12 (4) Operations to increase ultimate recovery such as cycling of gas, the  
13 maintenance of pressure, and the introduction of gas, water, or other  
14 substances into producing formations.

15 (5) Disposal of saltwater and oilfield wastes.

16 (a) The commission shall give all affected counties written notice of  
17 hearings in such matters at least fifteen days before the hearing.

18 (b) The commission may consider, in addition to other authority granted  
19 under this section, safety of the location and road access to saltwater  
20 disposal wells, treating plants, and all associated facilities.

21 (6) The underground storage of oil or gas.

22 (7) Wellhead and lease equipment, oil and gas separators, emulsion treaters,  
23 boilers, electric generators, flares, newly constructed underground gathering

- 1 pipelines, flare mitigation systems, and all other equipment located at or on
- 2 an oil or gas well site.