WAC 344-12-125  Notice of intention to abandon and plug (Form-3).

(1) The owner or operator shall not permit any well drilled for oil, gas, salt-water disposal, injection or any other purpose in connection with the exploration or production of oil and gas, to remain unplug- ged, except as otherwise provided in WAC 344-12-140, after such well is no longer to be used for the purpose for which it was drilled or converted.

(2) Before any work is commenced to abandon any well drilled for oil or gas, including any well drilled below the underground source of drinking water, the owner or operator thereof shall, prior to begin- ning operations of plugging the well, give notice to the supervisor or his representative of his intention to abandon such well, such notice shall be written, on Form-3 (Notice of intention to abandon and plug well), except that it shall be permissible to give oral notice fol- lowed within twenty-four hours by written confirmation on Form-3. Upon receipt of such notice, the supervisor or his duly authorized repre- sentative may elect to be present at the time indicated in such no- tice, to witness the plugging of the well.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 78.52.050. WSR 85-03-018 (Order 6, Resolu- tion No. 10), § 344-12-125, filed 1/8/85. Statutory Authority: RCW 78.52.050 and chapter 78.52 RCW. WSR 82-12-052 (Order 3, Resolution No. 7), § 344-12-125, filed 6/1/82; Rule 23, filed 3/23/60.]