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## **TITLE 312 NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION**

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Under IC 4-22-2-23, the Natural Resources Commission intends to adopt a rule concerning the following:

**OVERVIEW:** Amends 312 IAC 16 that governs the drilling, operation, and proper abandonment of wells drilled for oil and gas purposes. Amendments to definitions and to standards governing the plugging and abandoning are updated to incorporate best management practices. Included are specifications for the use of oil field cements and other materials, the certification of plugging adequacy, the use of alternate materials and methods in well plugging, and quality control measures to ensure the adequacy of plugs. Amendments to standards governing mechanical integrity in 312 IAC 16-5-15 would provide that an operator use a minimum of 300 pounds of pressure during the running of a mechanical integrity test and would cause these standards to harmonize with those in 312 IAC 16-5-20. Other technical changes are included. Questions concerning the proposed rule amendments may be directed to the following telephone number: 317-233-3322 or e-mail: [slucas@dnr.state.in.us](mailto:slucas@dnr.state.in.us). Statutory authority: IC 14-37-3-15; IC 14-10-2-4.