



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
OFFICE OF OIL & GAS MANAGEMENT

Report Instructions for the *Abandoned and Orphan Wells Report*

1. Overview of Reports

The Abandoned and Orphan Wells Report is designed to show all Oil & Gas Wells that have been designated as either an abandoned well or an orphan well in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This report will only include those wells that are within the search parameters selected when the report is run.

2. Search Function

COUNTY

Used for selecting all counties or a single county to be included on the report. When selecting a single county, the program will first load only those municipalities that are within that county in the municipality selection dropdown list. (Please wait as this may take a few minutes).

MUNICIPALITY

Used for selecting all municipalities or a single municipality to be included on the report. Selecting a single municipality when selecting all Counties, will show all permits issued in that particular municipality for all counties where that municipality name exists. Municipality name may be a town/city, a township name or a borough name.

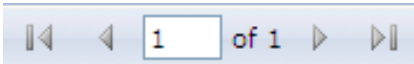
WELL STATUS

Used to select whether the DEP Abandoned List, DEP Orphan List, DEP Plugged List or any combination of all three will be printed.

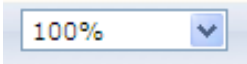
REGION

Used for selecting a particular DEP Region in which the facility being permitted is located

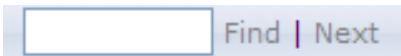
3. Report Controls



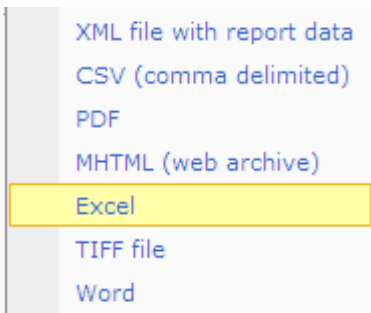
Used for paging from report page to report page.



Used to set the size of the report displayed.



Used to search the report for specific information.



Used to select the file type of the report download.



Used to refresh the report based on the earlier selected parameters.



Used to print the current report to your local selected printer.

4. Report Acronyms

Acronym or Term	Definition
Well Operator or Operator	The person designated as the well operator or operator on the permit application or well registration. Where a permit or registration was not issued, the term shall mean any person who locates, drills, operates, alters or plugs any well or reconditions any well with the purpose of production there from
Well	<p>A bore hole drilled or being drilled for the purpose of or to be used for producing, extracting or injecting any gas, petroleum or other liquid related to oil or gas production or storage, including brine disposal, but excluding bore holes drilled to produce potable water to be used as such. The term "well" does not include a bore hole drilled or being drilled for the purpose of or to be used for systems of monitoring, producing or extracting gas from solid waste disposal facilities, as long as the wells are subject to the act of July 7, 1980 (P.L. 380, No. 97), known as the Solid Waste Management Act, and do not penetrate a workable coal seam. The term also does not include a borehole drilled or being drilled for the purpose of or to be used for degasifying coal seams if the following conditions are satisfied:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1)(A) the bore hole is used to vent methane to the outside atmosphere from an operating coal mine; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(B) the bore hole is regulated as part of the mining permit pursuant to the act of June 22, 1937 (P.L. 1987, No. 394), known as The Clean Streams Law, and the act of May 31, 1945 (P.L. 1198, No. 418), known as the Surface Mining Conservation and Reclamation Act; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(C) the bore hole is drilled by the operator of the operating coal mine for the purpose of increased safety; or</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) the bore hole is used to vent methane to the outside atmosphere pursuant to a State or Federal funded abandoned mine reclamation project.</p>
Oil	Hydrocarbons in liquid form at standard temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and pressure 14.7 PSIA.
Gas	Any fluid, either combustible or noncombustible, which is produced in a natural state from the earth and which maintains a gaseous or rarified state at standard temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and pressure 14.7 PSIA, any manufactured gas, any byproduct gas or any mixture of gases.
Abandoned Well	A registered well not operated in a year and if the well doesn't have an inactive status, the well is considered abandoned and the operator must plug the well.
Orphan Well	Any well abandoned before Apr. 18, 1985, and not operated by the owner or operator and the owner/operator has not received any economic benefit from the well.
DEP Abandoned List	This report selection parameter when selected will provide information on all wells that have the well status of DEPAL.

DEP Orphan List	This report selection parameter when selected will provide information on all wells that have the well status of DEPOL.
DEP Plugged List	This report selection parameter when selected will provide information on all wells that have the well status of DEPPL. These are wells that have been plugged by DEP Well Plugging program.

5. Applications Support Help Desk

For questions or problems regarding this report, please contact the Application Support Help Desk at 717-705-3768.