

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

## **Environmental Protection Performance Standards at Oil and Gas Well Sites**

### **Site Restoration**

**(25 Pa. Code § 78a.65)**

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### **Well Development Impoundment (WDI) Restoration Extension Request**

- 1. If a Well Development Impoundment Restoration Extension Request form (8000-FM-OOGM0156U) is approved and prior to the end of the restoration period the operator drills new well(s) being serviced by the WDI, does the restoration period “reset” when drilling of the final well being serviced by the WDI is completed?**

No. The restoration period does not “reset” i.e., the 24-month period is an extension that is only available for use by the operator one time per registered WDI. (posted 3/20/2026)