

349.110 Department of Natural Resources to supervise drilling, casing, plugging, and filling of coalbed methane wells -- Department to hold hearings and issue orders.

- (1) The department shall exercise supervision over the drilling, casing, plugging, and filling of all coalbed methane wells. The department shall exercise supervision over all mining operations in close proximity to any well. The department shall have access to the records and properties of coal, oil, gas and coalbed methane operators when necessary.
- (2) The department may receive, or may file on its own motion, formal complaints that drilling or mining operations are being conducted contrary to the provisions of this chapter or to the order of the department or review board, and shall hold administrative hearings on the complaints, in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B. Following a hearing, the department shall issue a final order necessary to secure the proper administration of this chapter.

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