



LAWS OF ALASKA

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Chapter No.

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AN ACT

Relating to the regulation of the drilling of deep wells other than oil or gas wells.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

* Section 1. AS 31.05.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) When the department finds sufficient likelihood of an unexpected encounter of oil, gas, or other hazardous substance as a result of well drilling in an area of the state, the department may, by regulation, designate the area and specify a depth in the area as one in which wells or any boring into the soil in excess of the specified depth but not otherwise subject to this chapter are subject to the regulations and requirements adopted under this section. No designation of an area or specification of a depth under this subsection constitutes a certification that no hazardous substance will be encountered in another area or at a lesser depth, and the state is not liable for any damages arising from such an unexpected encounter of a hazardous substance.

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