

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF OWNER (Form 7)

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management
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1. Date of Application: _____

2. Check Type of Request: If Individual Transfer, indicate API number: _____
 If Multiple Transfer, list all API numbers and complete date on back of form.

3. COUNTY:	12. Assignor Address and Telephone Number:
4. CIVIL TOWNSHIP:	
5. WELL:	
6. LEASE NAME:	13. Assignee/Transferee:
7. SECTION: 8. LOT:	
9. FRACTION: 10. QTR TWP:	14. Owner Number:
11. I, We (Assignor/Transferor) _____ Owner # _____ hereby requests that records on file with the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management be amended to reflect the change of owner of the oil and/or gas well described in 3 through 10. IF WELL HAS NOT BEEN SPUDDED, IT CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED.	15. Assignee Address and Telephone Number: _____
	16. Exempt Domestic Well (see criteria for domestic wells in instructions.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (# acres: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> No

The spacing/acreage requirements in effect under Ohio law at the time the well(s) was drilled will remain in effect for as long the well(s) exists. A revised survey plat and appropriate fee must be submitted to the Division if any changes are made to the drilling unit on file at the Division.

ASSIGNOR/TRANSFEROR:

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to furnish any and all records and reports required by the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management for compliance with Chapter 1509 of the Revised Code and all rules of that Division for the period ending on the date of assignment. Furthermore, I hereby depose and state that all holders of royalty interests that are affected by this assignment or transfer will be properly notified in conformance with Section 1509.31 of the Revised Code. It is understood that my liabilities for this well **WILL NOT BE TERMINATED UNTIL I COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE.**

Signature of Assignor/Transferor

Name of Assignor/Transferor Printed or Typed

(SEAL)

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, being first duly sworn by me, says that the information set forth herein is true and accurate. SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires

NOTE FOR WELLS TRANSFERRED TO LANDOWNERS: The well you are purchasing for domestic use may require periodic servicing to maintain productivity. When the well becomes incapable of production, you are required to plug the well and restore the site in accordance with Division requirements. Any brine produced must be properly disposed in accordance with Chapter 1509 of the Revised Code. You should be aware after transfer, **ALL EXPENSES** incurred are the responsibility of the well owner.

ASSIGNEE/TRANSFeree:

I, the undersigned, depose and state that I am the owner of aforementioned oil and/or gas well and that I have the right to appropriate the oil or gas that I produce therefrom either for myself or others. I further depose and state that I shall comply with the assignor/transferor's Restoration Plan and will comply with the requirements of Chapter 1509 of the Revised Code and Chapter 1501 of the Administrative Code for the disposal of brine. Further, it is understood that upon proper completion of this form, I will become the "owner" as defined under Chapter 1509 of the Revised Code and must comply with all laws, rules and orders by the Chief of the Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management.

Further, I understand that the Division does not determine property rights. I understand that if another person has a competing interest in this well that it is a private legal dispute. The Division cannot adjudicate the dispute.

Signature of Assignee/Transferee

Name of Assignee/Transferee Printed or Typed

(SEAL)

STATE OF _____, COUNTY OF _____, being first duly sworn by me, says that the information set forth herein is true and accurate. SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS _____ day of _____, 20____.

(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires

DIVISION USE ONLY Certificate of Insurance Authority & Organization Form Date transferred _____ Initials _____

Request for Change of Owner (Form 7) - INSTRUCTIONS

The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management has revised Request for Change of Owner (Form 7). State law requires this form to be submitted to the Division within thirty (30) days after the date of assignment or transfer of a well (see Section 1509.31(A) of the Ohio Revised Code).

The assignor/transferor is the individual or entity selling or transferring the well. The assignee/transferee is the individual or entity buying the well or becoming the owner as defined under section 1509.01(K) of the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC"). It is the assignor's/transferor's responsibility to ensure that the form is completed and submitted to the Division because the assignor/transferor is liable under ORC Chapter 1509 and Chapter 1501 of the Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") until all of the following occur:

- (1) a complete Form 7 is filed with the Division;
- (2) the assignee/transferee has met the insurance requirements found in ORC 1509.07(A); and
- (3) the assignee/transferee has met the financial assurance requirements found in ORC 1509.07(B).

The permit number must be on the form. This number can be taken directly from the permit. Both parties must complete and notarize the form before it is forwarded to the Division. The transfer must be the **original** copy and may be used to transfer an individual well or multiple wells.

UNDER ORC 1509.07(A)(3) AND 1509.31(C), SUBMITTING TO THE DIVISION THE ATTACHED FORM DOES NOT ALONE RELIEVE THE ASSIGNOR/TRANSFEROR OF RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN INSURANCE OR BOND FOR THE LISTED WELL(S). IF THE ASSIGNEE/TRANSFEE HAS NOT OBTAINED THE PROPER INSURANCE OR BOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC 1509.07(A) OR (B), OR THE ASSIGNEE/TRANSFEE IS IN MATERIAL AND SUBSTANTIAL VIOLATION OF ORC CHAPTER 1509 OR OAC CHAPTER 1501, THEN THE ASSIGNOR/TRANSFEROR MUST CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN INSURANCE OR BOND FOR THE LISTED WELL(S).

ITEM 16 - Exempt Domestic Well. If **yes** is checked, the following criteria must be met.

1. The well is owned by the owner of the surface estate of the tract on which the well is located. In other words, the person(s) signing this form must own the property and rights to appropriate the gas for their own use.
2. The well must be used to primarily provide gas for the owners' DOMESTIC use. Wells primarily to supply gas to rental properties; residences adjacent to the tract on which the well is located; or businesses do not qualify as domestic wells.
3. The well must be more than 200 feet from any inhabited private dwelling house other than an inhabited private dwelling house located on the tract on which the well is located.
4. The well must be more than 200 feet from any public building.
5. The owner must maintain the well at their own expense to maintain productivity, properly dispose of brine, plug the well when it is no longer capable of production and restore the well site.

In addition to the domestic criteria listed above, the person who will become the exempt domestic well owner must post a five-thousand dollar bond (\$5,000) with the Division prior to the transfer, if either of the following applies:

- The tract that results from merging the well with the surface tract is less than five acres; or
- The assignor/transferor has not released all of the oil and gas leases that are included in the applicable formation of the drilling unit.

If the assignor/transferor has released the oil and gas lease(s) associated with the well(s) that is proposed to be assigned or otherwise transferred, the assignor/transferor must submit an **Exempt Domestic Well Owner Affidavit – Release of Lease(s)**.