

55-1004. Unlawful to dispose of certain waste in oil-field disposal wells at excessive pressures; penalties. It shall be unlawful for any person having possession, control or the use of any oil-field waste disposal well wherein salt water, mineralized brine, oil or refuse produced from any oil well is disposed of below the surface of the earth to inject such salt water, mineralized brine, oil or refuse from any oil well therein at a pressure in excess of the maximum pressure established by the state corporation commission and contained in the permit issued thereby except when noncompliance with this section is due to one or more causes beyond the control of such person and, once such person knows or should have known of such noncompliance, such person takes immediate and reasonable steps to gain prompt and full compliance with the applicable statutes and rules and regulations. The state corporation commission shall maintain a permanent record of the maximum pressure established by it on each such oil-field waste disposal well.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a severity level 9, nonperson felony. Each day any such violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

History: L. 1953, ch. 270, § 1; L. 1975, ch. 462, § 67; L. 1986, ch. 201, § 21; L. 1998, ch. 122, § 3; July 1.