§ 23-1903. Imposition of oil, gas and solution mining regulation and reclamation fees.

1. When a permit is granted to a person by the department pursuant to section 23-0305 of this article to drill a well or when a person converts a well to one subject to the oil, gas and solution mining law, such person shall pay to the department:

a. A one hundred dollar fee to be credited to the oil and gas account established under chapter fifty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-two; and

b. A fee in accordance with the depth drilled or expected to be drilled as set forth below:

0- 500ft. - $ 190
501- 1000ft. - $ 380
1001- 1500ft. - $ 570
1501- 2000ft. - $ 760
2001- 2500ft. - $ 950
2501- 3000ft. - $1,140
3001- 3500ft. - $1,330
3501- 4000ft. - $1,520
4001- 4500ft. - $1,710
4501- 5000ft. - $1,900
5001- 5500ft. - $2,090
5501- 6000ft. - $2,280

6001- 6500ft. - $2,470

6501- 7000ft. - $2,660

7001- 7500ft. - $2,850

7501- 8000ft. - $3,040

8001- 8500ft. - $3,230

8501- 9000ft. - $3,420

9001- 9500ft. - $3,610

9501-10,000ft.- $3,800

over 10,000ft.- $3,800 plus $190 for each incremental 500

feet of depth over 10,000 feet.

A person who has paid the fees described shall not be required to pay any additional fee for a well conversion. The fee for well deepening permits pertaining to wells for which a well drilling permit was issued after August twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred eighty-one, shall be calculated on the basis of the additional depth drilled.

In the event the actual depth drilled exceeds the depth expected to be drilled, an additional amount shall be paid such that the total fee paid shall be in accordance with the schedule set forth in this paragraph.

2. Upon requesting from the department any determination under the Natural Gas Policy Act, such person shall pay a fifty dollar fee per well for each such determination.

3. The department shall have the authority to establish reasonable fees by rule for closed-loop boreholes deeper than five hundred feet below the earth's surface pursuant to subdivision fifteen of section

23-0305 of this article to be credited to the oil and gas account established under chapter fifty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-two for the purposes of environmental protection or greenhouse gas emission reduction.