

Discussion Topics for Oil and Gas Commission Rules Committee

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1. API vs US Well Number Standard
 - a. API (American Petroleum Institute) was founded in 1919 as a standards-setting organization. Its mission is to promote safety within the oil and gas industry.
 - b. References to API within the NC Final Oil and Gas Drilling Rules occurs in three ways:
 - i. API Number - as a unique well identifier
 - ii. API – referencing specific publications by the API (e.g., API 5A3 publication)
 - iii. API – as in the technical standard being referenced (e.g., API Specification 10A)
 - c. In addition, API Number is on all of the Oil and Gas Permit Forms.

There does not appear to be a need to change any references using API to either the publications or specifications in the NC Final Oil and Gas Drilling Rules.

However, the Commission must address the matter of introducing US Well Number Standard in the 15A NCAC 05H .0102 Terms of Reference and Definitions 15A NCAC 05H .0102 or find another way to explain the change. In addition, the Commission must address the permit forms.