

# **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §22-10-9**

## **§22-10-9. Civil penalties.**

(a) Any person who fails to plug an abandoned well within thirty days, or upon a showing of good cause, within a longer period as determined by the director not to exceed one hundred eighty days, from the date such plugging is ordered by the director, shall be liable for a civil penalty of \$25,000 which penalty shall be recovered in a civil action in the circuit court wherein the abandoned well is located.

(b) The net proceeds of all civil penalties collected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall be deposited into the oil and gas reclamation fund established pursuant to section twenty-nine, article six of this chapter.