

Draft Mines and Petroleum Regulations Amendment Regulations 2025

Information sheet

Purpose

This information sheet provides guidance on key aspects of the draft Mines and Petroleum Regulations Amendment Regulations (the Amendment Regulations), which prescribe the requirements for:

- a legislative framework for pipeline transport and permanent underground storage of greenhouse gas substances;
- enabling the exploration and recovery of regulated substances (proposed to be prescribed as hydrogen and helium);
- electronic transactions; and
- provide for the use of additives in petroleum operations.

Stakeholders are invited to review the draft regulations and provide feedback to:
REC.Consultation@dmpe.wa.gov.au.

Background

The *Petroleum Legislation Amendment Act 2024* (PLAA2024) amended the petroleum legislation to, amongst other things, provide a legislative framework for the pipeline transport and permanent underground storage of greenhouse gas substances. These activities form part of what is commonly referred to as Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS).

Marked up versions (Blue Bills) of the amended petroleum legislation can be obtained from the Parliament of Western Australia website for the [Petroleum Legislative Amendment Bill 2023](#).

Attached for your review is the Amendment Regulations which build on the development of two sets of new Injection and Storage Regulations released for public consultation 16 July to 5 September 2025.

This set of regulations contains all the amendments to the current petroleum regulations required to commence the PLAA, except for the petroleum underground storage provisions which will be developed separately.

The title of the Amendment Regulations reflects the Minister for Mines and Petroleum's portfolio and does not make any amendments to mining legislation.

Standard Western Australian drafting protocol for the amendment of existing regulations is that a consolidated version of the new Amendment Regulations is not provided.

To assist understanding and ease of reading the amendments proposed, see [Summary of amendments to all regulations](#). This can be read with links below to the current versions of the 12 regulations. Please note that the amendments vary in scale and some are limited to amendment of the name of the Regulations only (e.g. inclusion of 'greenhouse gas storage' in the title).

These amendments do not relate to hydraulic fracture stimulation. The Western Australian Government is progressing amendments to address the findings of the Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia in a separate package of legislative amendments. This is independent of that process.

Regulations

- [Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources \(Environment\) Regulations 2012](#)
- [Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources \(Hydraulic Fracturing\) Regulations 2017](#)
- [Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources \(Registration Fees\) Regulations 1990](#)
- [Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Regulations 1987](#)
- [Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources \(Resource Management and Administration\) Regulations 2015](#)
- [Petroleum Pipelines \(Environment\) Regulations 2012](#)
- [Petroleum Pipelines Regulations 1970](#)
- [Petroleum \(Submerged Lands\) \(Environment\) Regulations 2012](#)
- [Petroleum \(Submerged Lands\) \(Pipelines\) Regulations 2022](#)
- [Petroleum \(Submerged Lands\) Registration Fees Regulations 1990](#)
- [Petroleum \(Submerged Lands\) Regulations 1990](#)
- [Petroleum \(Submerged Lands\) \(Resource Management and Administration\) Regulations 2015](#)

Relationship with other subsidiary regulations

The amendments to the regulations that form the content of the Amendment Regulations follow on from the development of two sets of new Injection and Storage Regulations [released for public consultation 16 July – 5 September 2025](#).

Consultation

The draft Amendment Regulations are available for comment until close of business **Friday 30 January 2026**.

The consultation and draft documents are available on the [DMPE website](#).

Any comments or feedback can be emailed to REC.Consultation@dmpe.wa.gov.au

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