

Proposed Rule Change
Rule # 7.12 Drilling Permits
Paragraph # 4

A drilling permit issued in accordance with this rule shall be valid for a term not to exceed one year from the date of issuance, unless the applicant is granted an extension. Such extensions shall only be granted once and shall not be valid for more than an additional six month period. Thereafter, the applicant must file a new drilling permit application. The term of drilling permits shall, however, be tolled to exclude any time during which an application for an operating permit or amendment to an historic use permit that is submitted in conjunction with the drilling permit is contested.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board may grant drilling permits for wells that are planned as a system of wells in a contiguous well field. The term of drilling permits issued for wells that are in a system of wells in a contiguous well field may be for a term not to exceed the term of the operating permit for the well field; provided that not less than one well in such system of wells shall be completed within eighteen months after the date the drilling permits are issued, and the maximum production shall be established for each individual well in the well field. The drilling permits for wells that are within a system of wells in a contiguous well field may be renewed from time to time in the discretion of the Board.