

**353.200 Department for Natural Resources to enforce oil and gas law -- Hearings.**

- (1) The department shall exercise supervision over the drilling, casing, plugging, and filling of all wells. The department shall exercise supervision over all mining operations in close proximity to any well. The department shall have access to the records and properties of coal and oil and gas operators when necessary.
- (2) The department may receive, or may file on its own motion, formal complaints that drilling or mining operations are being conducted contrary to the provisions of KRS 353.010, 353.050 to 353.130, 352.510, or 353.592, or to the order of the department, and shall hold administrative hearings on the complaints, in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B. Following a hearing, the department shall issue a final order necessary to secure the proper administration of KRS 353.010, 353.050 to 353.130, 352.510, or 353.592.

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