

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**55-150. Definitions.** As used in this act unless the context requires a different meaning:

- (a) "Commission" means the state corporation commission.
- (b) "Contractor" means any person who acts as agent for an operator as a drilling, plugging, service rig or seismograph contractor in such operator's oil and gas, cathodic protection, gas gathering or underground natural gas storage operations.
- (c) "Fresh water" means water containing not more than 1,000 milligrams per liter, total dissolved solids.
- (d) "Gas gathering system" means a natural gas pipeline system used primarily for transporting natural gas from a wellhead, or a metering point for natural gas produced by one or more wells, to a point of entry into a main transmission line, but shall not mean or include: (1) Lead lines from the wellhead to the connection with the gathering system which are owned by the producing person; or (2) gathering systems under the jurisdiction of the federal energy regulatory commission.
- (e) "Operator" means a person who is responsible for the physical operation and control of a well, gas gathering system or underground porosity storage of natural gas.
- (f) "Person" means any natural person, partnership, governmental or political subdivision, firm, association, corporation or other legal entity.
- (g) "Rig" means any crane machine used for drilling or plugging wells.
- (h) "Underground porosity storage" has the meaning provided by K.S.A. 55-1,115, and amendments thereto.
- (i) "Usable water" means water containing not more than 10,000 milligrams per liter, total dissolved solids.
- (j) "Well" means a hole or penetration of the surface of the earth, drilled or recompleted for the purpose of:
  - (1) Producing oil or gas;
  - (2) injecting fluid, air or gas in the ground in connection with the exploration for or production of oil or gas;
  - (3) obtaining geological information in connection with the exploration for or production of oil or gas by taking cores or through seismic operations;
  - (4) disposing of fluids produced in connection with the exploration for or production of oil or gas;
  - (5) providing cathodic protection to prevent corrosion to lines, tanks or structures; or
  - (6) injecting or withdrawing natural gas.

**History:** L. 1982, ch. 228, § 1; L. 1986, ch. 201, § 7; L. 1992, ch. 68, § 1; L. 1996, ch. 147, § 1; L. 1997, ch. 132, § 20; L. 2001, ch. 191, § 19; L. 2021, ch. 28, § 1; July 1.