

**NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 451 of 1994**

**324.61520 Abandoning well without properly plugging; violation of part or rule; penalty; liability of owner; "owner" and "operator" defined.**

Sec. 61520.

(1) A person who abandons a well without properly plugging the well as provided in this part or the rules promulgated under this part, or, except as provided in section 61522(3) or (4), who violates this part or a rule promulgated under this part, whether as principal, agent, servant, or employee, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 and costs of prosecution, or both. This section does not impose liability upon the owner of land upon which a well is located, unless the property owner is the owner or part owner of the well.

(2) The words "owner" and "operator", as used in this section and section 61519 mean a person who, by the terms of this part and the rules promulgated under this part, is responsible for the plugging of a well.

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