**Section 245.1140 Alternative Enforcement**

a) All persons, owners and permittees regulated under the Act and this Part are also subject to, and required to comply with, the Illinois Oil and Gas Act and 62 Ill. Adm. Code 240.

b) Any violation of this Part may also include violations of the permittee's Oil and Gas permit related to the same well, the Illinois Oil and Gas Act, and regulations adopted under that Act.

c) All violations related to the same well may be brought as one case at the discretion of the Department.

d) Failure to meet the burden of proof required for revocation or suspension of a permit under the Act, this Part, the Illinois Oil and Gas Act, or the regulations promulgated under that Act, does not mean that the Department necessarily failed to prove other violations under the Act, this Part, the Illinois Oil and Gas Act, or the regulations promulgated under that Act.

e) Knowing violations of this Part may be a criminal offense as defined in Section 1-100 of the Act, which will be, in addition to any administrative action taken by the Department, referred to the State's Attorney in the county where the violation occurred or the Attorney General's Office.

f) Regulatory enforcement under this Part does not preclude the recovery of civil penalties by civil action before a circuit court pursuant to Section 1-101 of the Act, which will be in addition to any administrative action taken by the Department.