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AUTHORITY:	The Oil and Gas Act (P.L. 1140, No. 223) (58 P.S. Section 601.101 *et seq*.); 25 Pa. Code Section 78.15 (a)(b)
POLICY:	It is the policy of the Department to collect location information for environmental data. The Oil and Gas Program will implement this policy for the information obtained through its permit applications.
APPLICABILITY:	This document provides guidance to applicants for authorizations issued by the Oil and Gas Program on how the Program intends to implement the Department's Locational Policy.
PURPOSE:	The Department policy requires each Program to provide guidance within six months on how the Program will implement the Policy.
DISCLAIMER:	The policies and procedures outlined in this guidance document are intended to supplement existing requirements. Nothing in the policies or procedures shall affect regulatory requirements. The policies and procedures herein are not an adjudication or a regulation. There is no intent on the part of the Department to give these rules that weight or deference. This document establishes the framework, within which DEP will exercise its administrative discretion in the future. DEP reserves the discretion to deviate from this policy statement if circumstances warrant."
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Applicants for authorizations for a new facility to be issued by the Oil and Gas Program will be required to complete and provide the Method, Accuracy and Description (MAD) information as part of the permit application to provide the detail of how the location information was obtained. The accuracy of the data must meet the Department's Policy (#013-0830-003) goal of 10-meter accuracy and include the information required in Section (d) of that policy. In certain circumstances, the accuracy required may be greater; e.g., drilling through a coal pillar. Collection of this information will begin when the on-line application is revised to include the requirement. Applicants will also be provided with a revised hardcopy application to coincide with modification of the electronic application. After that date, applications that do not include the required information will be considered administratively incomplete.

Applicants for treatment facilities and other oil and gas related facilities will be required to provide MAD information as forms are developed by the lead Program for the particular authorization type. The Oil and Gas Program will provide the required application forms to those applicants. The locational requirement of the lead Program will be implemented for those specific authorization types.