

Senate Amendment #4: Establishing Minimum Qualifications for
 Oil and Gas Inspectors

Senator Snyder moves to amend the bill on page ____, section _____, line ____, by inserting the following:

(a) No person is eligible for appointment as an oil and gas inspector or supervising inspector unless, at the time of probationary appointment, the person: (1) Is a citizen of West Virginia, in good health and of good character, reputation and temperate habits; (2) has had at least three years actual relevant experience in the oil and gas industry: *Provided*, That no more than one year of the experience may be satisfied by any of following: (i) A bachelor of science degree in science or engineering; (ii) an associate degree in petroleum technology; or (iii) actual relevant environmental experience including, without limitation, experience in wastewater, solid waste or reclamation each full year of which shall be considered as a year of actual relevant experience in the oil and gas industry; and (3) has good theoretical and practical knowledge of oil and gas drilling and production methods, practices and techniques, sound safety practices and applicable water and mining laws.

(b) In order to qualify for appointment as an oil and gas inspector or supervising inspector, an eligible applicant shall submit to a written and oral examination by the Division of Personnel and shall furnish any evidence of good health, character and other facts establishing eligibility required by the Division.

If the Division finds after investigation and examination that an applicant: (1) Is eligible for appointment; and (2) has passed all written and oral examinations, the Division shall add the applicant's name and grade to the register of qualified eligible candidates and certify its action to the Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection. No candidate's name may remain on the register for more than three years without re-qualifying.