

# Can Reworking a Saltwater Disposal Well Maintain a Lease?



**Charles Sartain** of Gray Reed & McGraw asks the question: Should the sufficiency of reworking operations under the cessation-of-production clause of an oil and gas lease be limited to the producing well?

In his post in the firm's **Energy & the Law** blog, Sartain discusses *Crystal River Oil and Gas, LLC et al v. Patton*, a suit to terminate an oil and gas lease due to cessation of production.

In the case, a saltwater disposal well servicing a producing became inoperable for a a period in 2011. The appellate court found that the trial court's prohibition from considering operations on the salt water disposal well was reversible error.

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