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NWT OFFICE OF THE REGULATOR OF OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS



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## MESSAGE FROM THE REGULATOR

I am pleased to present this Annual Report on the activities of the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) in 2025-2026.

This year saw well abandonment operations in the Sahtú Settlement Area and the Dehcho region, reducing the number of suspended wells requiring abandonment in OROGO's jurisdiction to two. At the same time, the removal of above-ground oil and gas infrastructure in the Dehcho region continued as these sites move towards the end of their lifecycle.

In support of the eventual closure and remediation of oil and gas sites in its jurisdiction, OROGO initiated a pilot approach to post-abandonment remediation in 2025-2026. OROGO also increased its cooperation with the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley on closure and reclamation plans and guidelines.

In April 2025, OROGO launched an updated website, making historical well data and geoscientific data available directly to the public. Geospatial data is available for all wells and most geoscientific programs, allowing users to refine their search by area of interest.

In February 2026, OROGO issued updated *Safety Plan Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*. Draft updated *Environmental Protection Plan Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* were made available for public engagement in March 2026. These guidelines support applicants and operators to keep people safe and protect the environment.

As always, I acknowledge the work of the OROGO team in 2025-2026 towards fulfilling our mandate, mission, and vision. I also thank the Alberta Energy Regulator, the Canada Energy Regulator, and the Northwest Territories Geological Survey for their continued support.



Pauline de Jong, Regulator, OROGO.  
(Credit: Angela Gzowski)



## THE REGULATOR

The Regulator is designated by the Commissioner in Executive Council under the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* (OGOA). Pauline de Jong was designated as the Regulator on August 2, 2020.

### MANDATE

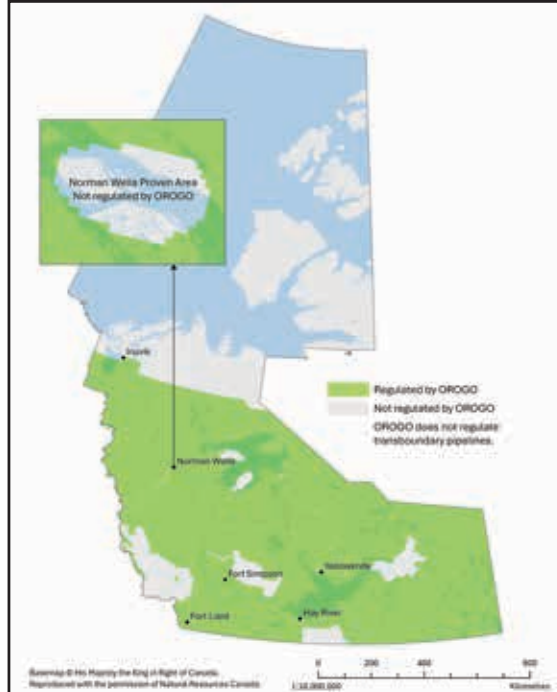
The Regulator's mandate is to regulate the exploration for and exploitation of oil and gas resources for the primary purposes of ensuring human safety, environmental protection, and the conservation of those resources. The Regulator's mandate does not include promoting oil and gas development.

The Regulator's activities are governed by OGOA and the *Petroleum Resources Act* (PRA), the regulations under those Acts, and the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

### JURISDICTION

The Regulator has jurisdiction over oil and gas works and activities in the onshore Northwest Territories (NWT), except for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region and lands that were not transferred from the Government of Canada to the Government of the Northwest Territories with devolution on April 1, 2014.

Within these boundaries, the Regulator has jurisdiction over oil and gas works and activities on Aboriginal settlement lands as well as other private lands. The Regulator does not have jurisdiction over transboundary pipelines.



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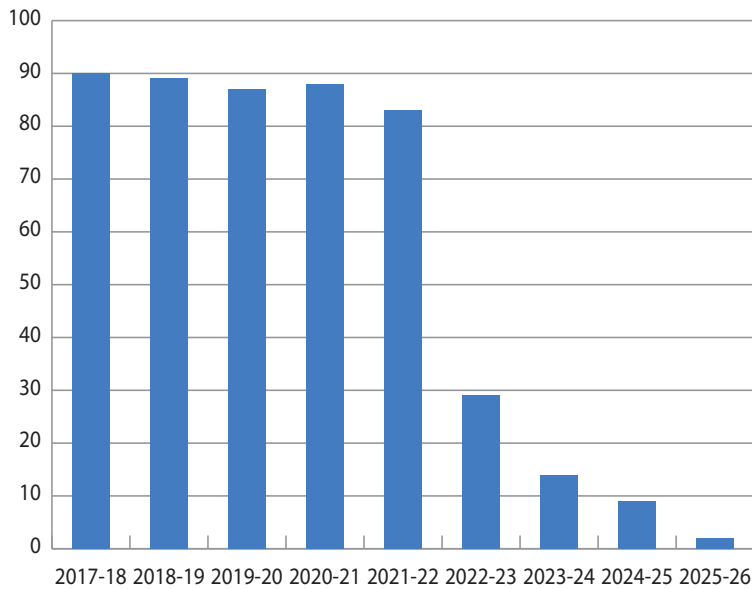
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As of March 31, 2026, the Regulator's jurisdiction includes:

- 683 abandoned wells;
- 2 suspended wells; and
- 1 natural gas metering and monitoring station and approximately 8 kilometers of associated natural gas pipeline (co-regulated with the Canada Energy Regulator).

### Suspended Wells in OROGO's Jurisdiction



As of March 31, 2026, two suspended wells remained in OROGO's jurisdiction.



Hot oiler and methanol injector near Colville Lake, March 2026. (Credit: OROGO)

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The Regulator is responsible for:

- Considering applications for and issuing Authorizations (including Geophysical Operations Authorizations);
- Considering applications for and issuing Well Approvals for activities including drilling, re-entry, work overs, completion, recompletion, suspension, and abandonment of a well or part of a well;
- Inspecting active and historic oil and gas facilities;
- Responding to incidents and spills at regulated oil and gas facilities;
- Considering applications for and issuing Significant Discovery Declarations and Commercial Discovery Declarations; and
- Issuing Operating Licences.

## APPOINTMENTS

Section 4 of OGOA requires the Regulator to appoint a Chief Safety Officer and a Chief Conservation Officer.

Mike Martin, Senior Technical Advisor, was appointed Chief Safety Officer effective June 26, 2020, and Chief Conservation Officer effective November 14, 2022. These appointments ended on March 4, 2025, and resumed on March 20, 2025.

Brandon Bradbury, Technical Specialist, was appointed Safety Officer and Conservation Officer from December 20, 2022, to March 4, 2025; from March 20 to June 7, 2025; and from July 23 to August 11, 2025.

Yaser Rasouli, Technical Specialist, was appointed Safety Officer and Conservation Officer effective December 1, 2025.

## DELEGATIONS

Section 8 of OGOA allows the Regulator to delegate any of their powers under OGOA.

Sections 27(7) and 35(4) of the PRA allow the Regulator to delegate their powers to issue Significant Discovery Declarations and Commercial Discovery Declarations.

From May 21 to 28, 2025, the Regulator delegated the authority to approve changes to a Well Approval and determine compliance with the terms of a Well Approval to Mike Martin, Chief Safety Officer and Chief Conservation Officer.

### GWICH'IN

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# THE OFFICE OF THE REGULATOR OF OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS

The Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) was established on April 1, 2014, to support the Regulator in carrying out their statutory responsibilities under OGOA and the PRA.

## STRATEGIC PLAN

OROGO's strategic plan, established in 2016-2017, sets out its mission, vision and strategic objectives.

### Mission

We regulate oil and gas activities to keep people safe and protect the environment where we live and work.

### Strategic Objectives



To enhance certainty and predictability in our actions and in regulatory decisions.



To promote accessibility and transparency in our work.



To build and maintain resilient working relationships.



To grow oil and gas regulatory capacity in the Northwest Territories.

### Vision

OROGO is a respected and effective regulator grounded in the values of Northerners.

## STAFF

OROGO's staff complement consists of four positions: the Executive Director, the Senior Technical Advisor, the Technical Specialist, and the Regulatory Information Officer. In 2025-2026, Brandon Bradbury left OROGO and Yaser Rasouli took on the position of Technical Specialist.

OROGO receives technical advice and support from the Canada Energy Regulator and the Alberta Energy Regulator through service agreements. OROGO can also access support from other regulators or consultants.

## LOCATION

OROGO's offices are located on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Northwest Tower in Yellowknife. The public is invited to visit during working hours, weekdays between 8:30am and 5:00pm, except statutory holidays.



The OROGO Team: Pauline de Jong (Executive Director), Mike Martin (Chief Safety Officer and Chief Conservation Officer), Ekaterina Nagui (Regulatory Information Officer), and Yaser Rasouli (Safety Officer and Conservation Officer). (Credit: Angela Gzowski)

## INUINNAQTUN

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## REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

OROGO regulates oil and gas activities across the full lifecycle, from application to abandonment and remediation. This involves receiving and processing applications, conducting inspections, responding to incidents, issuing orders, and providing information to the public through the Information Office.

### APPLICATIONS

Authorizations are required for all oil and gas activities regulated under OGOA. Well Approvals are required for most well interventions. The Regulator may vary an Authorization or Well Approval.

In 2025-2026, OROGO received three applications for Authorizations. OROGO also processed 25 variations to existing Authorizations and Well Approvals.

Documents associated with Authorizations and Well Approvals, including variations, are posted on OROGO's public registry.

All oil and gas activities regulated under OGOA also require an Operating Licence, which is valid for one year, from April 1 to March 31. In 2025-2026, the Regulator issued ten Operating Licences. The current list of Operating Licence holders is available on OROGO's website.

### INSPECTIONS

Inspections allow OROGO to evaluate compliance with regulatory requirements.

In 2025-2026, OROGO staff conducted:

- One inspection of a well abandonment and two suspended well inspections near Colville Lake in May 2025;
- One inspection of surface infrastructure and facility removal near Fort Liard in July 2025;
- One inspection of a well abandonment near Fort Liard in February 2026; and
- One inspection of a well abandonment and three suspended well inspections near Colville Lake in March 2026.





## INCIDENTS

Oil and gas incidents can be related to safety or the environment.

Safety incidents include:

- Injury or death;
- Fire or explosion;
- Imminent threats to the safety of a person, installation, or support craft; and
- Impairment of any safety-critical structure, facility, equipment, or system.

Environmental incidents include:

- Loss of well containment;
- Spills or other pollution; and
- Impairment of any structure, facility, equipment, or system critical for environmental protection.

All incidents and near misses must be reported directly to OROGO through a dedicated 24/7 phone line. If the incident results in a spill, it must also be reported through the NT-NU 24 Hour Spill Line.

One safety incident was reported to OROGO in 2025-2026: INC-2026-001-PPR-OA-2021-001. The reports required under the *Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations* were received and reviewed by OROGO.

One environmental incident (INC-2024-003-PPR-OA-2021-001), an ongoing surface casing vent flow, remains open as of March 31, 2026.

Incident Status Reports for all incidents are posted on OROGO's public registry.

Emergency response exercises are a valuable opportunity to assess operators' incident response capacity. On June 5, 2025, OROGO observed a table-top emergency response exercise for the Ikhil project.



## ORDERS

Orders are a tool for enforcing compliance with regulatory requirements and may be issued in specific circumstances by the Regulator, the Chief Conservation Officer, the Chief Safety Officer, Conservation Officers, and Safety Officers.

On April 17, 2025, the Regulator issued an order to Prairie Provident Resources Canada Ltd. for well abandonment and site remediation activities near Fort Liard. This order was amended on March 6, 2026.

On April 25, 2025, the Regulator amended the October 4, 2019, order to Strategic Oil and Gas Ltd. for well abandonment and site remediation activities at Cameron Hills.

On June 24, 2025, the Chief Safety Officer revoked order ORD-2024-001-SOG to Alvarez and Marsal Canada Inc., Receiver for Strategic Oil and Gas Ltd.

Orders are posted on OROGO's public registry.

## PROVIDING INFORMATION

OROGO is a repository for information collected during oil and gas activities:

- Information about current oil and gas activities in the Regulator's jurisdiction is available on OROGO's public registry;
- Information about historical oil and gas activities (well history and geoscience program files) is available on OROGO's website; and
- Well materials (cuttings, fluid samples, and core samples) are located at the Geological Survey of Canada core facility in Calgary, Alberta.

The Information Office responds to public inquiries, including inquiries about OROGO's online resources. It can be reached at [orogo@gov.nt.ca](mailto:orogo@gov.nt.ca). In 2025-2026, OROGO received and responded to 34 public inquiries.

In April 2025, OROGO launched a new website, which includes direct access to OROGO's well history and geoscience program files and a mapping function to assist users in locating wells and geoscience programs. The new website allows OROGO to resume tracking the number of well history and geoscience program files downloaded by region.

## FRANÇAIS

Le Bureau de l'organisme de réglementation des opérations pétrolières et gazières (BOROPG) veille à ce que les activités pétrolières et gazières soient menées d'une manière sécuritaire et respectueuse de l'environnement en préservant les ressources en pétrole et en gaz naturel.

Pour en savoir plus, consultez le [www.orogo.gov.nt.ca](http://www.orogo.gov.nt.ca).

### 2025-2026 Well History and Geoscience Program File Downloads by Region

Region	Geoscience Program Files*	Well History Files
Dehcho	-	1,439
Sahtú	-	870
Gwich'in	-	69
Unspecified	221	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>2,378</b>

\* As geoscience programs can be large and often cross land claim boundaries, they are not identified by their region.

The Information Office also processes core sample requests and core sample display requests. In 2025-2026, OROGO received:

- Two core sample requests; and
- One core sample display request.

## SERVICE STANDARDS

OROGO strives to enhance the certainty and predictability of the oil and gas regulatory system and to be accessible to anyone seeking information on its activities. Service standards help industry, other governments, other regulators, and members of the public understand what to expect from OROGO.

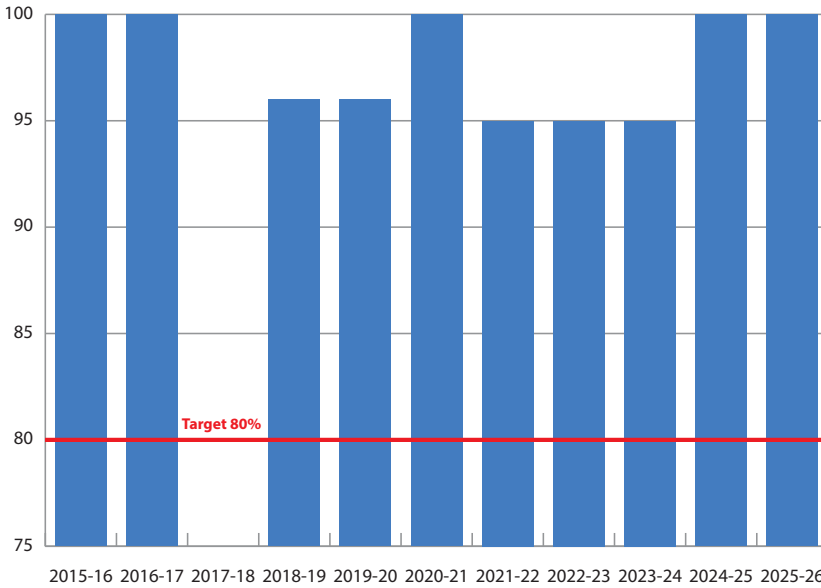
In 2015-2016, OROGO established service standards for processing applications and responding to public inquiries. In 2024-2025, OROGO added service standards for completing inspection reports and for processing Well Operations Reports and associated Change of Well Status requests.

### OROGO's Service Standards and Targets

Activity	Service Standard	Target
Process applications for Operations Authorizations (for exploratory work, not including Geophysical Operations Authorizations).	Ninety calendar days from receipt of a complete application, not including time required to complete environmental assessment or for the applicant to respond to Information Requests.	80%
Process applications for Well Approvals under an existing Operations Authorization.	Thirty calendar days from receipt of a complete application, not including time required for the applicant to respond to Information Requests.	80%
Provide an initial response to public inquiries.	One business day.	95%
Complete inspection reports.	Ten business days from conducting the inspection.	80%
Process Well Operations Reports and associated Change of Well Status requests.	Thirty calendar days from receipt of complete documents.	80%

OROGO has consistently met or exceeded its targets for processing applications and responding to public inquiries.

**Applications Processed Within Service Standard (%)**



Since 2015-2016, OROGO has processed more than 80% of all applications for Operations Authorizations and Well Approvals within its established service standards. No applications were processed in 2017-2018.



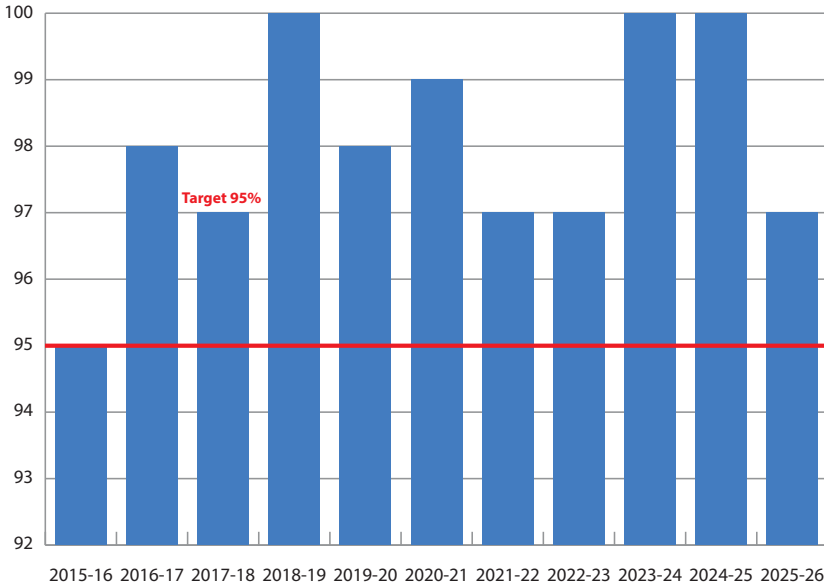
Site abandonment operation near Fort Liard, July 2025. (Credit: OROGO)

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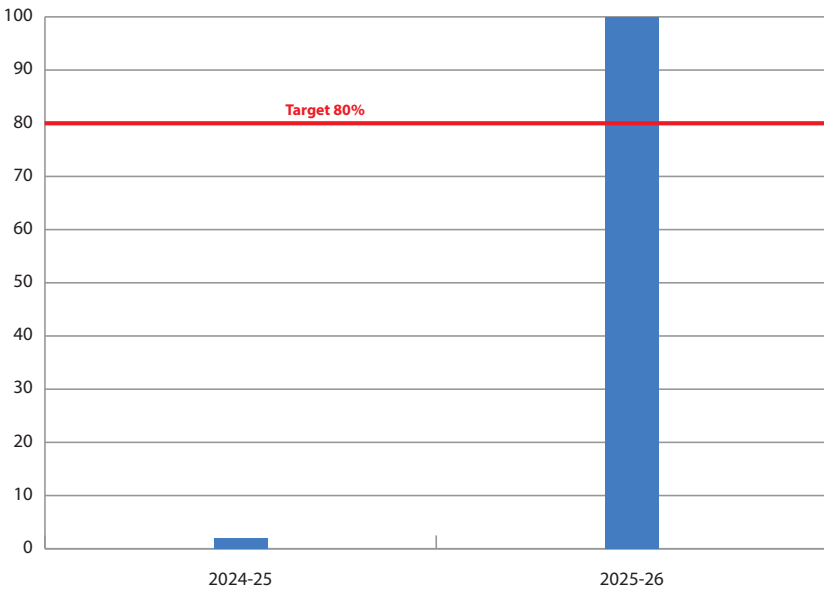
**Response to Public Inquiries Within Service Standards (%)**



Since 2015-2016, OROGO has provided an initial response to at least 95% of all public inquiries within one business day.

OROGO has made progress in meeting its targets for completing inspection reports and exceeded its targets for processing Well Operations Reports and associated Change of Well Status requests since establishing these service standards in 2024-2025.

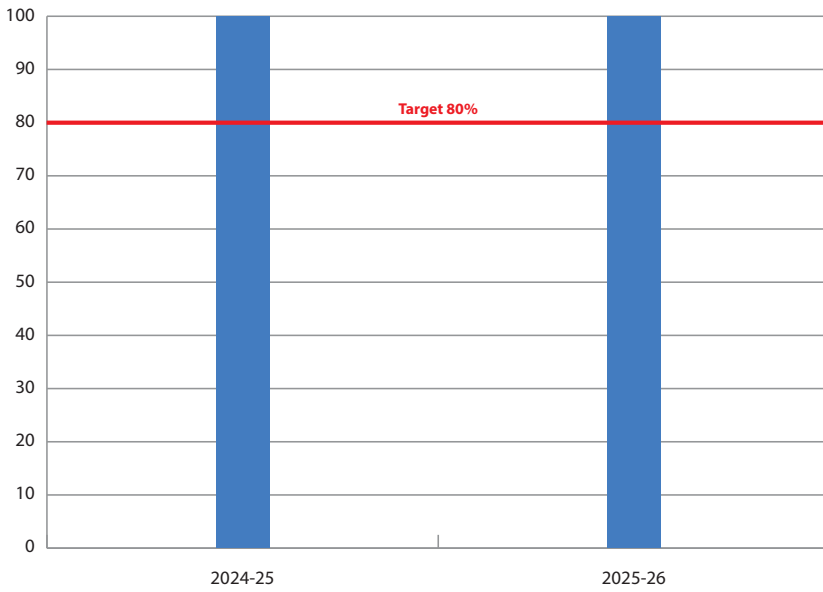
**Inspection Reports Completed Within Service Standard (%)**



Since 2024-2025, OROGO has significantly improved its compliance with the established service standard for completing inspection reports.



**Well Operations Reports and Change of Well Status Requests Processed Within Service Standard (%)**



Since 2024-2025, OROGO has processed more than 80% of all Well Operations Reports and Change of Well Status requests within its established service standard.



Accumulator near Fort Liard, February 2026. (Credit: OROGO)

**NORTH SLAVEY**

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## POLICY DEVELOPMENT

OROGO uses a variety of policy instruments and approaches to respond to changes in the regulatory context. The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (GNWT) is the administering department for OGOA and its regulations.

### GUIDELINES AND INTERPRETATION NOTES

Section 18 of OGOA authorizes the Regulator to issue guidelines and interpretation notes about the application and administration of OGOA and its regulations. These documents help industry, other governments, other regulators, and members of the public understand the regulatory requirements and OROGO's expectations for oil and gas activities in its jurisdiction.

On February 19, 2026, the Regulator issued revised *Safety Plan Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*. OROGO also issued draft revised *Environmental Protection Plan Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* for public engagement on March 13, 2026.



Well abandonment operation near Fort Liard, February 2026.

## SAFETY BULLETINS

Safety bulletins communicate immediate safety concerns and updated procedures to operators.

Effective March 31, 2025, the Chief Safety Officer repealed Safety Bulletin OROGO-SB-001 relating to shallow wellbore plugs, as these requirements were incorporated in the *Service Rig Operation Safety Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*.

## POST-ABANDONMENT REMEDIATION

In April 2025, OROGO launched a pilot approach to managing the post-abandonment remediation requirements associated with oil and gas operations regulated under OGOA (or, prior to April 1, 2014, the *Canada Oil and Gas Operations Act* (COGOA)). The pilot approach responds to OROGO's mandate for environmental protection while working collaboratively with other regulators engaged in closure and reclamation activities.

In 2025-2026, OROGO worked with the Department of Environment and Climate Change (GNWT), the Canada Energy Regulator, and oil and gas companies to address outstanding spills related to their activities recorded in the NT-NU Spills Database. Most of these spills were confirmed as closed and remediated, requiring no further action on the part of the company unless future site assessments identify pollution from OGOA or COGOA regulated activities. Six sites with post-abandonment remediation requirements have been identified:

- One in the South Slave region;
- Two in the Sahtú Settlement Area; and
- Three in the Dehcho region.

The pilot approach has also led to increased engagement with the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley as OROGO:

- Reviewed and commented on Closure and Reclamation Plans submitted to the Boards; and
- Contributed to updating the *Guidelines for the Closure and Reclamation of Advanced Mineral Exploration and Mine Sites in the Northwest Territories*, issued by the Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley, to include oil and gas operations.

### TLJCHQ

Tieh eyits'q Tiehtsj Wehoidi t'à Eghàlageedaa Wenjhtl'èkò (OROGO) dè gots'q tteet'o eyits'q tieh xè eghàlagiidèe sii edete ts'à kehogiihdi xè dè gomqò gòʔqò tsjgowii ts'à k'ehogera, hani-ìdè dè gots'q tteet'o eyits'q degottee gòlaa sii deʔò wek'ehowì ha-le.

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## ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Engagement and outreach activities help OROGO promote an open and transparent oil and gas regulatory system and maintain resilient working relationships with a wide range of organizations.

## ENHANCING REGULATORY OPERATIONS AND CAPACITY

OROGO works with other regulators and government departments to support its regulatory operations, reduce duplication, and promote clear and consistent communication about oil and gas activities.

In 2025-2026, OROGO:

- Facilitated pre-operations planning meetings and weekly operations update meetings with operators, staff of the Mackenzie Valley and Sahtu Land and Water Boards, staff of the Workers Safety and Compensation Commission, and inspectors from the Department of Environment and Climate Change (GNWT);
- Lead pre- and post-season briefings with the Workers Safety and Compensation Commission;
- Met with emergency management staff from the Canada Energy Regulator to discuss inter-agency coordination;
- Conducted four joint inspections in the Sahtú Settlement Area with inspectors from the Department of Environment and Climate Change (GNWT).

OROGO also strives to build overall oil and gas regulatory capacity in the NWT through a series of annual learning events. In February 2026, OROGO facilitated a workshop on the technical and regulatory considerations associated with well re-entry. Technical expertise for the workshop was provided by the Alberta Energy Regulator and participants from the Department of Environment and Climate Change (GNWT), the Department of Industry, Tourism, and Investment (GNWT), the Northwest Territories Geological Survey, the Northern Project Management Office, and the Canada Energy Regulator attended, along with OROGO staff.



## WORKING WITH OTHER REGULATORS

OROGO participates in groups that bring regulators from different jurisdictions together and establishes direct, one-on-one relationships through agreements and other tools.

OROGO has Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Canada Energy Regulator, the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Division (GNWT), the Oil and Gas Resources Branch (Government of Yukon), and the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission. In 2025-2026, OROGO renewed its MOU with the Canada Energy Regulator.

OROGO is a member of the NWT Board Forum, which brings together resource management organizations in the territory and strives to improve and maintain effective lines of communication between its members and to resolve common issues and share expertise. In 2025-2026, OROGO participated in an NWT Board Forum meeting in Fort Good Hope and contributed to an NWT Board Forum project to develop an online regulatory pathways tool.

OROGO is a signatory to the NT-NU Spills Working Agreement and a long-standing participant in the NT-NU Spills Working Group, which provides for a consistent approach to regulating spill response operations throughout the Northwest Territories and Nunavut by clearly articulating which agency will act as the Lead Agency in the event of a spill and providing a mechanism for interagency cooperation between Federal, Territorial, and Indigenous governments. In 2025-2026, OROGO participated in discussions on sump regulation with other members of the NT-NU Spills Working Group. Also in 2025-2026, OROGO resigned from co-chairing the NT-NU Spills Working Group, having filled that role for five years.

OROGO is a member of the Western Regulators Forum (WRF), which focuses on facilitating the exchange of information and discussion of ideas about energy regulation, collaborating on research into issues of common interest, and supporting inter-organizational communications and engagement. The WRF includes representation from Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia, as well as the Canada Energy Regulator. In 2025-2026, OROGO led a multi-regulator dialogue and case study on WRF members' approaches to Crown Consultation. OROGO also participated in WRF initiatives focused on increasing regulatory coherence and efficiency and participated as an observer in a multi-year WRF project on the strategic use of standards.

### ENGLISH

The Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) ensures oil and gas activities are conducted in a safe and environmentally responsible manner that conserves oil and gas resources.

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OROGO is an International Affiliate member of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), which allows it to participate on committees, join in oil and gas studies, and access international best practices. Seven other Canadian provinces and territories are IOGCC International Affiliates. In 2025-2026, OROGO participated in two learning events co-sponsored by the IOGCC and the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

## CONNECTING WITH STAKEHOLDERS

OROGO participates in a range of conferences and trade shows to connect with and learn from industry, other governments, other regulators, and members of the public.

In 2025-2026, OROGO:

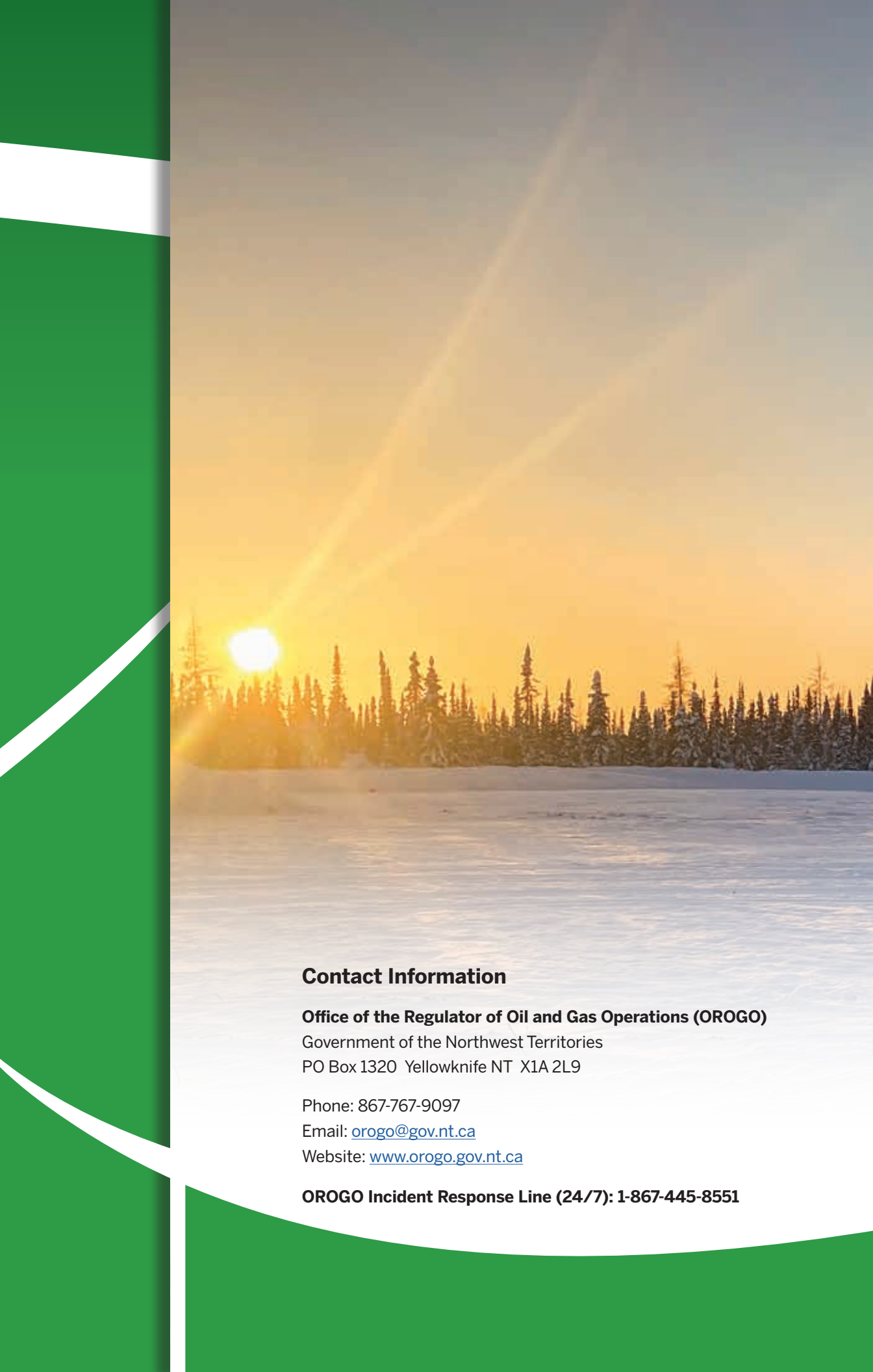
- Presented on policy developments and well abandonment operations at the spring 2025 meeting of the NT-NU Spills Working Group;
- Gave presentations on policy development and on accessing OROGO's well and geoscientific data at the Geoscience Forum in November 2025;
- Participated in the Geoscience Forum tradeshow;
- Participated in the annual MVRMA Resource Co-Management Workshop in January 2026 on the theme Indigenous Traditional Knowledge – a Path to Better Decisions; and
- Chaired the annual meeting of organizations involved with NWT petroleum initiatives in February 2026.

OROGO also works directly with communities through the Well Watch Program, which encourages local land users to report concerns with historic, abandoned well sites so they can be assessed and any identified risks can be addressed. OROGO did not receive any referrals to the Well Watch Program in 2025-2026 but continued to follow up on sites referred to the program in 2024-2025 by:

- Meeting with Chief and Council of the Ttsets'édélj First Nation in July 2025;
- Conducting an aerial survey to locate an abandoned well near Colville Lake in July 2025 and corresponding with community members to clarify its location; and
- Sharing information with the Sahtu regional office of the Department of Environment and Climate Change (GNWT) on concerns raised by the Sahtú Renewal Resources Board about sumps in October 2025.







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