

# Regulatory Updates

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# Our Role

OROGO is governed by:

- *Oil and Gas Operations Act*
- *Petroleum Resources Act*
- *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*

We regulate oil and gas activities in order to:

- Ensure human safety
- Protect the environment
- Conserve oil and gas resources

# Strategic Plan

## Mission

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

## Strategic Objectives



Enhance certainty and predictability in our actions and in regulatory decisions.



Promote accessibility and transparency in our work.



Build and maintain resilient working relationships.



Grow oil and gas regulatory capacity in the Northwest Territories.

## Vision

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

# Certainty and Transparency

Guidelines further define and interpret legislation.

- *Document Submission Guidelines* (in force January 2016)
- *Information Disclosure Guidelines* (in force May 2016)
- *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines*  
(in force February 1, 2017)
- *Geophysical Reporting Guidelines* (in force February 7, 2018)



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# Certainty and Transparency

- Three current guideline projects:
  - Safety Plan Guidelines (by March 31, 2019)
  - Environmental Protection Plan Guidelines (by March 31, 2019)
  - Public Engagement on costs associated with spills and debris (by June 30, 2019)
- Application Roadmap
- Annual Report



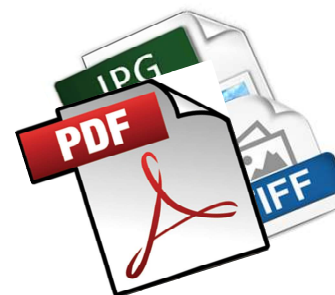
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# OROGO's Information Office

## Access to:

- Well history reports
- Seismic program reports
- Core samples
  - Reviewing requirements and confidentiality for future core sampling reports



Contact [orogo@gov.nt.ca](mailto:orogo@gov.nt.ca)



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# Compliance and Inspections

- Oversight of oil and gas activities in 2018-19:
  - Significant increase in activity expected as a result of the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines*.
  - At least 14 re-suspensions or abandonments in the winter 2019 work season.
  - Conducted five inspections.
- Published a Compliance and Enforcement Policy.



# Engagement

- Conferences and tradeshow
- Well Watch
- NWT Board Forum
- Western Regulators Forum and Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC)
- Operator Open House in Calgary



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