

Regulatory Updates



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NWT OFFICE OF THE REGULATOR OF OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS

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BUREAU DE L'ORGANISME DE RÉGLEMENTATION DES OPÉRATIONS PÉTROLIÈRE ET GAZIÈRES DES TNO

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.

Guidelines

Developed to further define and interpret legislation.

- *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines*
(in force February 1, 2017)
- *Geophysical Reporting Guidelines*
(draft out for public comment)

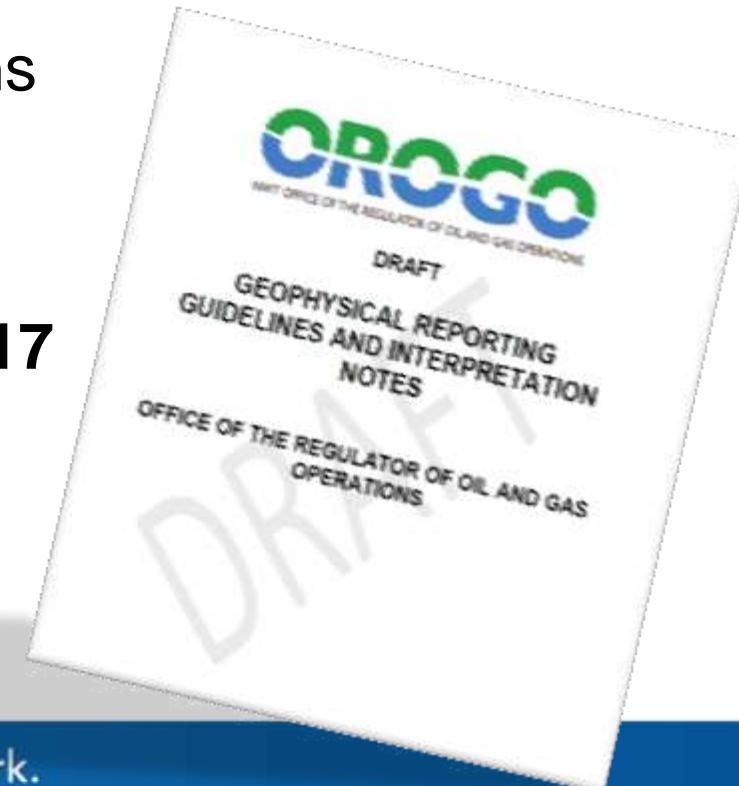


Geophysical Reporting Guidelines

Geophysical Reporting Guidelines provide:

- Instructions for reporting to meet the regulations
- Clarification of confidentiality period under the *PRA*
- Consistency with similar jurisdictions
- Standardized formats

Comments due by December 18, 2017



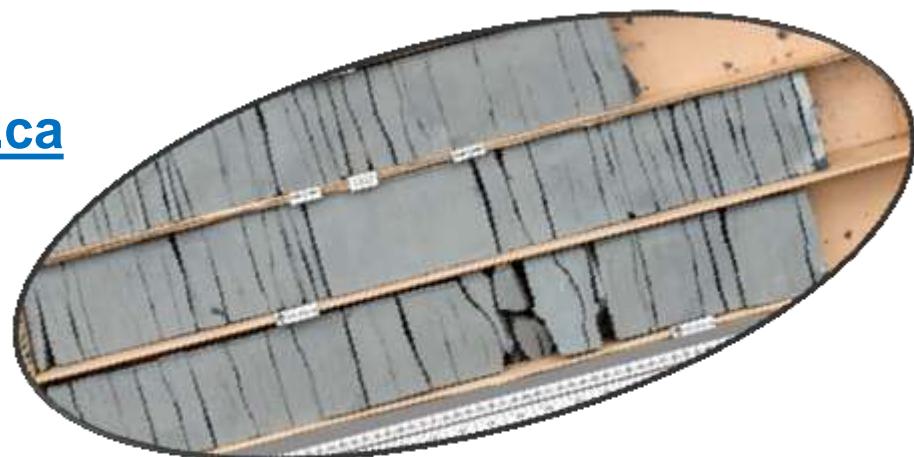
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OROGO's Information Office

Access to:

- Well history reports (95% digital)
- Seismic program reports (50% digital, remainder in progress)
- Core samples (stored in Calgary)

Contact orogo@gov.nt.ca



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Compliance and Inspections

Oversight of oil and gas activities in 2017:

- Inspected all well suspension & abandonment activities
- Conducted joint inspections with land and water officers
- Reviewed all suspended wells (approx. 90) for compliance with *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines*
- No incidents were reported in the past year.



Compliance and Inspections

In the coming year, OROGO is anticipating:

- Imperial Oil report on Mackenzie Gas Project advancement activities (Dec. 31, 2017)
- Increased operations activities relating to suspended wells
- Continued oversight of oil & gas activities



Building Northern Capacity



- Interagency Spills Response Training
- Oil and Gas related First Aid
- H2S Alive Training
- Induced Seismicity – Oil and Gas Development (November 17)



Engagement

- Seeks out opportunities to discuss OROGO's role in the regulatory system
- Communicates OROGO responsibilities to other agencies, the public and operators
- Responds to all inquiries



Well Watch

- Venue for public to voice concerns
- Jean Marie River - abandoned well
- Invite us to present in your community or organization



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Questions?

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