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Devolution in Action: What it Means for Northern Development

Inuvik Petroleum Show

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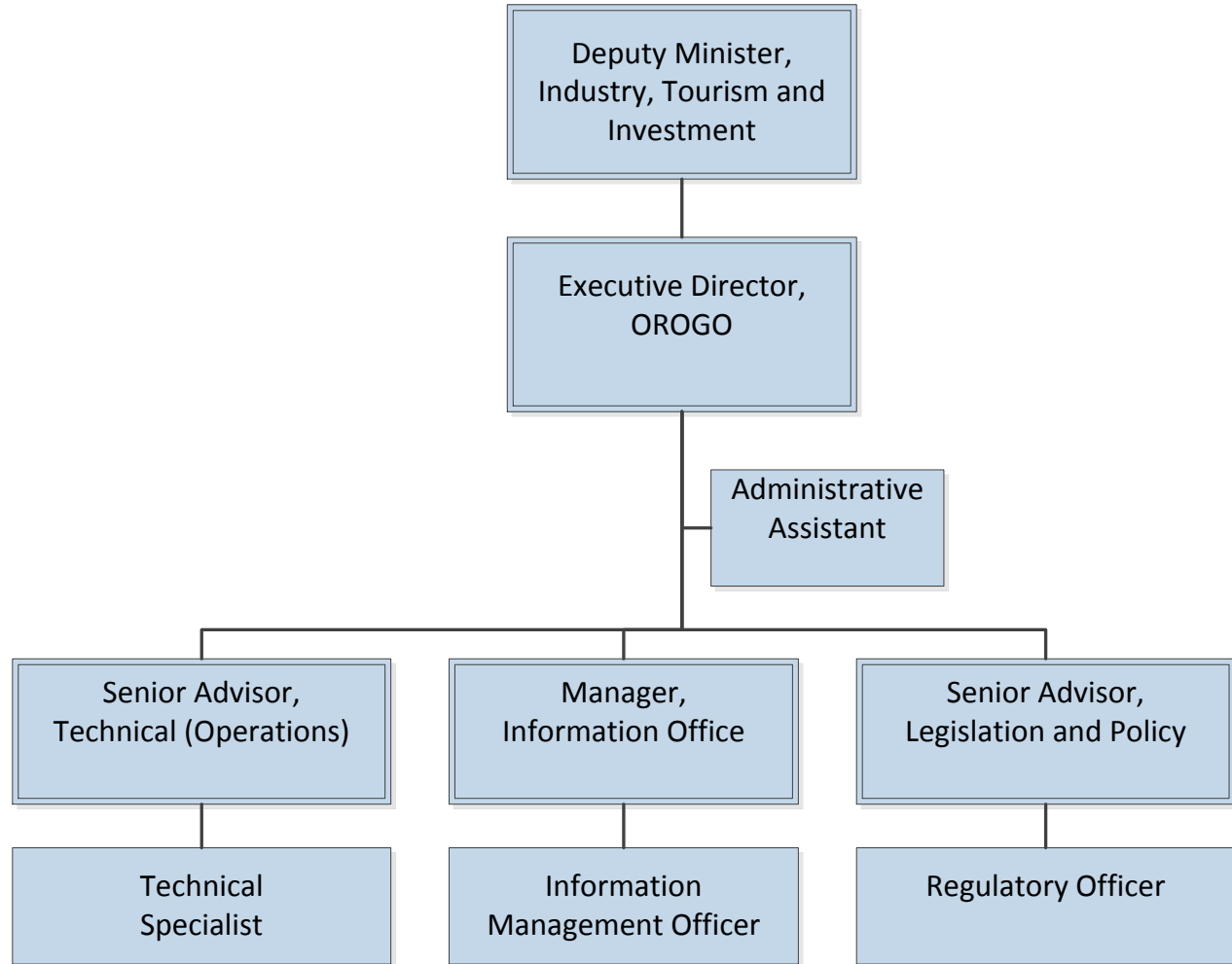
- OROGO was established on April 1, 2014 as a result of devolution
- OROGO regulates oil and gas operations for the primary purposes of ensuring:
 - Safety
 - Environmental protection
 - Conservation of oil and gas resources

Structure

- OROGO is an arm's length unit within the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI)
- OROGO currently receives technical support and expertise through service agreements with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) and the National Energy Board (NEB)



Organizational Chart



Areas of Responsibility

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- Northwest Territories (NWT) onshore areas, outside of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region
- Includes all private lands (including Aboriginal settlement lands)

National Energy Board

- The Inuvialuit Settlement Region (for 20 years)
- Retained federal lands (such as waste sites and the Norman Wells Proven Area)
- Trans-border/trans-jurisdictional pipelines and operations which remain



Legislation

- The *Oil and Gas Operations Act* (OGOA) and the following regulations:
 - Oil and Gas Certificate of Fitness
 - Oil and Gas Diving
 - Oil and Gas Drilling and Production
 - Oil and Gas Geophysical Operations
 - Oil and Gas Installations
 - Oil and Gas Operations
 - Oil and Gas Spills and Debris Liability
- Additional responsibilities under the *Petroleum Resources Act*.

OGOA

- OGOA applies throughout the NWT onshore, ***including*** the ISR, except in federal areas like Norman Wells Proven Area
- OGOA establishes the Regulator, the Chief Conservation Officer (CCO) and the Chief Safety Officer (CSO)
- Transitional provisions carry over NEB guidelines and filing requirements (e.g. Hydraulic Fracturing) for use by OROGO



Responsibilities

- In addition to issuing operating authorizations and approvals for specific activities, OROGO also:
 - Holds proof of financial responsibility (security) for oil and gas operations in the event of unaddressed spills and debris
 - Monitors approved activities for compliance with the terms and conditions of the authorization / approval
 - Conducts inspections of oil and gas facilities

An Integrated System

- The Regulator under OGOA is a “regulatory authority” within the meaning of Part V of the MVRMA
- Operating Authorizations and Development Plans under OGOA trigger preliminary screening under the newly-amended *Preliminary Screening Regulations*
- OROGO will continue to participate in MVRMA land & water regulatory processes



Collaboration

- OROGO is committed to establishing productive working relationships with other regulators in the NWT
- We participate in the NWT Board Forum
- We are working with Aboriginal and other governments, northerners, stakeholders



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Questions?



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