

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE GUIDELINES

Purpose	The Information Disclosure Guidelines (Guidelines) clarify the Regulator's expectations about the public disclosure of application and regulatory information.
Objective	<p>Section 91 of the <i>Petroleum Resources Act</i> (PRA) limits the amount of information the Regulator may make public under the <i>Oil and Gas Operations Act</i> (OGOA) without consent from the applicant or a determination that disclosure is permitted under section 91.</p> <p>The objective of the Guidelines is to obtain advance permission from applicants to disclose as much information related to an application as possible, while maintaining the confidentiality of any remaining information subject to the application of section 91 of the PRA.</p> <p>While the view of the Regulator is that making this information publicly available is desirable and supports an open and transparent oil and gas regulatory regime, this process remains a voluntary step that applicants are encouraged to take to promote an effective regulatory system.</p>
Other Protections Continue	Classes of information or documentation obtained by the Regulator as a result of carrying on a work or activity that is authorized under OGOA, as described in section 91(8) of the PRA, remain privileged for the periods described in that subsection.
Authority	The Guidelines are issued by the Regulator under section 18 of the <i>Oil and Gas Operations Act</i> (OGOA).
Section 91 of the PRA is Paramount	In the event of a conflict between the Guidelines and section 91 of the PRA, the PRA prevails to the extent of the conflict.
Jurisdiction	The Regulator has jurisdiction in the onshore Northwest Territories, with the exception of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) and federal lands.
Scope	<p>The Guidelines apply to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications to the Regulator for Operations Authorizations and approvals (including Well Approvals);• Orders with respect to traffic, tolls or tariffs; and

- Requests to vary or seek exemption from a regulatory requirement under section 54 of OGOA.

Requirement Applications to the Regulator for Operations Authorizations and approvals must include a completed and signed *Information Disclosure Consent Form*.

Form on Website The **Information Disclosure Consent Form** can be found at: www.oro.go.gov.nt.ca/documents.

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