

# Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO)

**North of 60: Aboriginal Land and  
Resource Development**

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# Mandate

OROGO regulates oil and gas operations for the primary purposes of ensuring:

- Safety
- Environmental protection
- Conservation of oil and gas resources



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# Structure

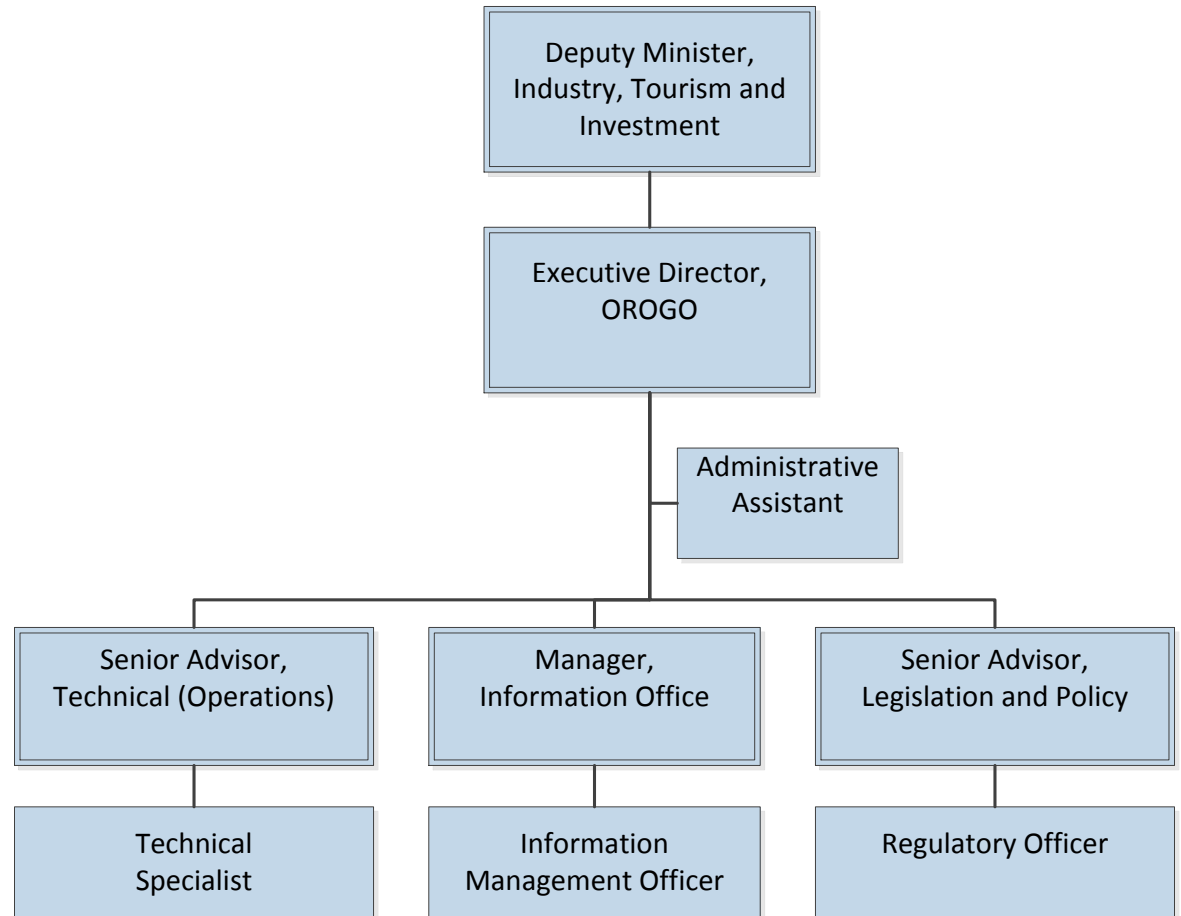
OROGO is an arm's length unit within the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI), operating outside of ITI's regular policy structure and separate from the Mineral and Petroleum Resources unit.

OROGO receives technical support and expertise through service agreements with the Alberta Energy Regulator and the National Energy Board.



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# Areas of Responsibility

## OROGO

- 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

***Oil and Gas Operations Act*** 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*



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# OGOA

OGOA applies to the exploration and drilling for, and the production, conservation, processing and transportation of, oil and gas within the NWT onshore, *including* the ISR.

OGOA provides for licence issuance and authorizations.

OGOA establishes the Regulator, the Chief Conservation Officer (CCO) and the Chief Safety Officer (CSO).



# Regulations

## **Oil and Gas Certificate of Fitness Regulations:**

- Regulates fitness certificates issuance.

## **Oil and Gas Drilling and Production Regulations:**

- Sets out Regulator's powers and operator's duties.
- Regulates management systems, applications for authorization, well approval applications and evaluations.
- Regulates equipment and operations.

## **Oil and Gas Geophysical Operations Regulations:**

- Regulates geophysical operations authorization (subsurface measurement or investigation for locating oil or gas, etc.).
- Regulates occupational health and safety in respect of geophysical operations.



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# Regulations (continued)

## **Oil and Gas Operations Regulations:**

- Sets out requirements for obtaining an operating licence.

## **Oil and Gas Spills and Debris Liability Regulations:**

- Limits liability for the purposes of recovery of loss, damage, costs or expenses.

## **Oil and Gas Diving Regulations:**

- Regulates diving operations carried out in connection with oil and gas exploration and drilling.

## **Oil and Gas Installations Regulations:**

- Regulates design and sets standards for oil and gas installations for the purposes of safety.



# Activities

## OROGO:

- Issues operating licences
- Issues authorizations
- Conducts preliminary screenings under the MVRMA
- Conducts inspections and incident response

and carries out other duties as required by the legislation.



# Collaboration

OROGO is committed to establishing productive working relationships with other regulators in the NWT.



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