

OROGO COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY

- Introduction** This policy outlines the Office of the Regulator of Oil and Gas Operations (OROGO) approach to compliance and enforcement.
- Objectives** OROGO's compliance and enforcement policy supports its strategic objectives to:
1. Enhance certainty and predictability in its actions and in regulatory decisions, and
 2. Promote accessibility and transparency in its work.
- Principles** OROGO's compliance and enforcement policy is built on the following principles:
1. Compliance with the *Oil and Gas Operations Act* (OGOA) and its regulations is mandatory.
 2. OROGO will apply OGOA in a fair, predictable and consistent manner, using rules, sanctions and processes securely founded in law.
 3. OROGO will administer OGOA to promote human health and safety, protection of the environment, and conservation of oil and gas resources.
 4. OROGO will take action consistent with this Compliance and Enforcement Policy.
 5. OROGO will make compliance information available to its stakeholders within the limits established under section 91 the *Petroleum Resources Act*.
- Authority** OGOA applies to the "exploration and drilling for and the production, conservation, processing and transportation of oil and gas within the onshore".
- The Regulator is designated by the Commissioner in Executive Council under section 121 of OGOA.
- The Regulator appoints the Chief Safety Officer and Chief Conservation Officer. The Regulator may also appoint Safety Officers and Conservation Officers.
- The Regulator and Officers appointed by the Regulator enforce OGOA.

Compliance	Compliance means being in conformity with the law.
Promote Compliance	<p>OROGO promotes compliance by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing education and information for operators; and • Issuing Guidelines and Interpretation Notes to clarify legislative requirements.
Evaluate Compliance	<p>OROGO evaluates compliance by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inspecting works and activities to verify compliance; and • Auditing operators to verify compliance.
Enforce Compliance	<p>OROGO enforces compliance by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issuing direction; • Issuing orders and prohibitions; • Amending authorizations; • Suspending or revoking authorizations; and • Investigating and prosecuting possible violations of the law.
Communicate Results to the Public	OROGO makes a summary report of each inspection public on its website at: www.орого.gov.nt.ca/en/compliance-and-enforcement .