

# Regulatory Updates



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BUREAU DE L'ORGANISME DE RÉGLEMENTATION DES OPÉRATIONS PÉTROLIÈRES ET GAZIÈRES DESTIN-O

# 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 and Interpretation Notes

Guidelines and Interpretation Notes further define and interpret legislation, providing clarity to stakeholders:

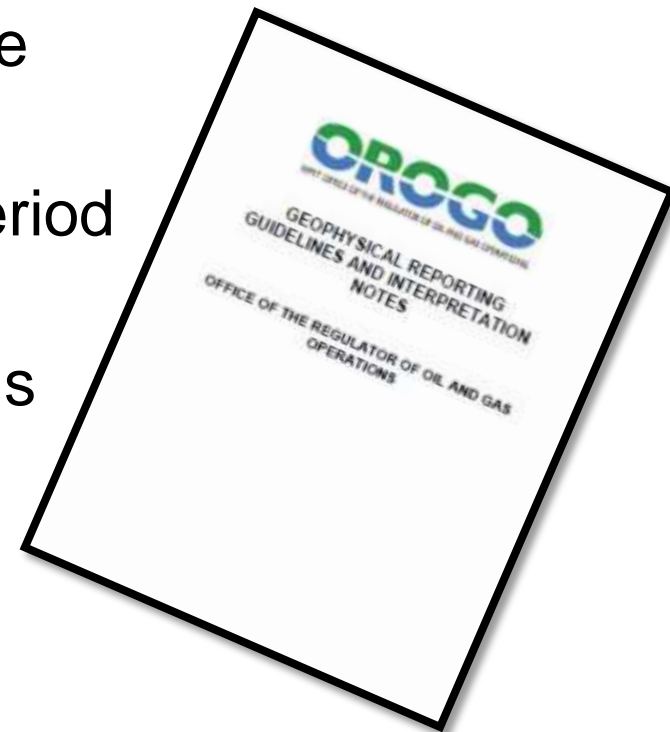
- *Geophysical Reporting Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* (in force February 6, 2018)
- *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* (in force February 2017)
- *Information Disclosure Guidelines* (in force May 2016)
- *Document Submission Guidelines* (in force January 2016)



# Geophysical Reporting Guidelines

The *Geophysical Reporting Guidelines and Interpretation Notes* provide:

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



# 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
- Assessed all suspended wells (approx. 90) for compliance with the *Well Suspension and Abandonment Guidelines and Interpretation Notes*
- No incidents were reported in the past year



# Compliance and Inspections

In the coming year, OROGO is anticipating:

- Increased activities relating to suspended wells
- Continued oversight of oil & gas activities



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# Authorizations and Approvals

Operators are encouraged to...

**Talk to us early!**



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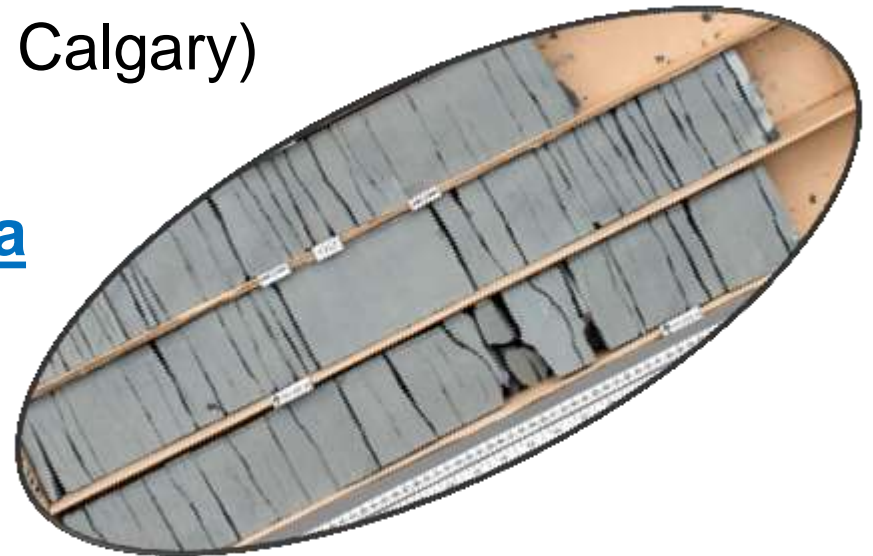


# OROGO's Information Office

## 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](mailto:orogo@gov.nt.ca)



# Well Watch

- Opportunity for communities and members of the public to raise their concerns
- Early success in Jean Marie River
- Invite us to introduce you to the program



Build and maintain resilient working relationships.

# Learning Together



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



# Sharing Knowledge

- We are looking for opportunities to discuss our role in the regulatory system and our responsibilities to other agencies, the public and operators
- All inquiries are welcome!



# OROGO in the Field





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