

Agency 057 - OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMM

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

- A. Statutory Authority: 57-104
- B. Statutory Authority: 57-601 through 57-609
- C. Statutory Authority: 57-901 through 57-923

VISION:

Our vision is to be the most efficient and responsive oil and gas regulatory body in the United States as we seek to steward the development of our state's oil and gas resources while protecting the environment.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

To foster, encourage and promote the development, production and utilization of oil and gas natural resources in our state in order to obtain the greatest ultimate recovery of oil and gas so that landowners, producers and the public realize and enjoy the greatest possible good from these vital irreplaceable natural resources while protecting the environment.

GOALS:

Our goals include:

- 1) Providing excellent, no-cost oil and gas data to the citizens and industry;
- 2) Continuing to add and update well information to our electronic database;
- 3) Continuing the scanning of documents in case files of public hearings;
- 4) Upgrading and/or maintaining our computer hardware and software;
- 5) Continuing to expand our ability to receive electronically submitted permit applications;
- 6) Beginning to forecast future oil and gas production on an individual lease basis; and
- 7) Beginning to develop user skills for geologic mapping software, with the final products made available to the public.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was created in 1959. The agency regulates all oil and gas exploration and production activities in the state under its Rules and Regulations. Various permits are issued and information is collected for each well. Data for production, injection, drill stem tests, cores, and geological information are collected and made available to the public.

The Commission is responsive to mineral owners, surface owners, and oil and gas operators as we seek to promote the development of our vital, irreplaceable oil and gas resources.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Promote development of oil and gas resources within the state in a manner as will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
2. Insure all drilling operations are conducted in an acceptable manner with minimum potential for harm or damage to the environment, both surface and subsurface.
3. Provide all wells are cased, cemented and/or plugged in a manner which will prevent migration of fluids from their source to other reservoirs or aquifers.
4. Maintain all well data, production, injection, and disposal data, and geologic data in the RBDMS.
5. Provide public access to these databases via the Internet.
6. Assist the Conservation and Survey Division in their vital role of preserving rock samples and cores from deep wells drilled in Nebraska.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The percentage of original oil-in-place produced from Nebraska reservoirs is among the highest in the nation even though the majority of Nebraska reservoirs are "under saturated depletion" types which exhibit low recovery. Secondary recovery has been very successful and new units continue to be established. At this time, no complaints are on file alleging waste, disproportionate drainage, or damage resulting from underground trespass due to improper drilling, completion, or plugging practices. The Commission has acquired a photo-geologic/geomorphic study using reprocessed LANDSAT imagery. The study was made available to the public in mid-2007 and has generated great interest.

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