

WYOMING

Administration

1. Official name of agency regulating oil/gas exploration & production: [Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission](#), P. O. Box 2640, Casper, WY 82602. Phone (307) 234-7147.
2. Contact for regulatory updates: Supervisor
3. Docketing procedure: Oil and gas hearings are scheduled a year in advance, generally on the second Tuesday of each month. Applications are accepted and heard monthly and orders issued within 30 days. [W.S. 30-5-103\(c\)](#) and [W.S. 30-5-105](#).
 - a. Emergency orders: Emergency orders can be issued without notice and hearing. A regular hearing with notice must be held within 15 days. [W.S. 30-5-111 \(c\)](#).
 - b. Notice: Notice of hearings given by the Commission at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing; 30 days on rule changes and on applications for aquifer exemptions. [Chapter 4, Section 12](#). The Commission gives notice in all applications. Occasionally the applicant duplicates the notice. [W.S. 30-5-111\(d\)](#).
4. Agency regulating air emissions: [Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality](#)
5. Agency regulating water quality: [Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality](#)

License

1. License required: Supervisor must be licensed
2. Conditions of license: Professional Petroleum Engineer or Petroleum Geologist [W.S. 30-5-108](#).

Bond/Surety

1. Purpose of surety: Seismic [Chapter 4, Section 6\(h\)](#); Operating, Plug and Abandon, Idle Wells, Pits [Chapter 3, Section 4](#); Split Estate [W.S. 30-5-401 thru 410](#).
2. Plugging and restoration: [Chapter 3, Section 4](#) Idle Well Bond \$10.00/foot.
3. Compliance bond required: Yes
4. Types of surety accepted:

- a. Owner's surety bond. [Chapter 3, Section 4](#) - \$10,000 or \$20,000 as applicable.
 - b. Owner's blanket bond. [Chapter 3, Section 4](#) - \$75,000.
 - c. Letter of Credit. [Chapter 3, Section 6](#).
 - d. Certificate of deposit. [Chapter 3, Section 5](#).
 - e. Cash (cashier's check). [Chapter 3, Section 5](#).
5. Conditions of bond:
- a. Amount per well: Owner's surety bond. [Chapter 3, Section 4](#) - \$10,000 or \$20,000 as applicable.
 - b. Amount of blanket bond: Owner's blanket bond. [Chapter 3, Section 4](#) - \$75,000.

Land Leasing Information

1. Leasing method: Public Auction - no sealed bids sale; open oral bid - if no bid is received - offer the lease over the counter at first come first served basis.
2. Notice method: Advertise the sale in the newspapers in the Rocky Mountain area.
3. Minimum bidding \$ (per acre): \$1.00/acre bonus.
4. Qualification of the bidder: A U.S. Citizen, 19 years of age minimum, and as a corporation, qualified by the Secretary of State to do business in Wyoming.
5. State statutes: [W.S. 36-6-101](#) and [General Chapter 6](#) Rules of the Board of Land Commissioners.
6. Maximum acres: 640 acres.
7. Royalty rates: No. State Land and Investments Office regulates.
8. Agency in control of leasing: [State Land and Investments Office](#) regulates.

Setbacks

1. What rules/regulations/policies does your jurisdiction have regarding well setbacks from private residences and/or other habitable structures for use by humans or animals? N/A.

2. Are there other sources of information on this matter that you could identify?
N/A.

Spacing

1. Spacing requirements: Yes
 - a. Density: 40 acres for an oil well; 160 and 640 acres for a gas well; 40 and 80 acres for a coalbed methane well.
 - b. Lineal: For an oil well, not closer than 460 feet to the exterior boundaries of a 40-acre subdivision. Same for a gas well or a coalbed methane well, center of NE/4 or SW/4 with 200 feet of tolerance on 40 acres, and the center of a 160-acre tract with 200 feet of tolerance. [Chapter 3, Section 2.](#)
2. Exceptions: Yes
 - a. Basis: Geologic or topographic.
 - b. Approval: Administratively in the absence of any objection; by Commission order should there be an objection. [Chapter 3, Section 3](#) and [Chapter 5, Section 16.](#)

Pooling

1. Authority to establish voluntary: Yes. [W.S. 30-5-109\(c\).](#)
2. Authority to establish compulsory: Yes.

Unitization

1. Compulsory unitization of all or part of a pool or common source of supply: Yes.
2. Minimum percentage of voluntary agreement before approval of compulsory unitization:
 - a. Working interest: 80%
 - b. Royalty interest: 80%

Drilling Permit

1. Require permits for:
 - a. Drilling a producing or service well: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 8.](#)

- b. Seismic drilling: Yes. [Chapter 4, Section 6.](#)
 - c. Recompletion: Yes. [Chapter 3, Sections 1, 10 thru 12.](#)
 - d. Plugging and abandoning: Yes. [Chapter 3, Sections 14 thru 18.](#)
2. Permit fee:
- a. Drilling: \$50.00 drilling permit; good for one year.
 - b. Seismic drilling: No fee
 - c. Recompletion: \$50.00 if P&Ad. No fee if not P&Ad.
 - d. Plugging and abandoning: No fee
3. Require filing report of work performed: Yes. Form 4, for wells and pits; and Form 15A Seismic Completion Report for seismic projects.
4. Sundry notices used: Yes. [Form 4.](#) Chapter 3, Sections 10 thru 12 and 17.

Vertical Deviation

- 1. Regulation requirement: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 24 and 25.](#)
- 2. When is a directional survey necessary: When doing controlled directional drilling, a plan shall be filed before drilling. [Chapter 3, Section 25.](#)
- 3. Filing of survey required: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 25.](#)
- 4. Format of filing: [Chapter 3, Section 25](#) with certification.

Casing and Tubing

- 1. Minimum amount required:
 - a. Surface casing: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 22.](#)
 - b. Production casing: Yes. [Chapter 3, Sections 26 and 27;](#) [Chapter 2, Section 7.](#)
- 2. Minimum amount of cement required:
 - a. Surface casing: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 22.](#)

- b. Production casing: Yes
 - c. Setting time: Yes, eight hours.
3. Tubing requirements: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 22](#).
- a. Oil wells: Yes
 - b. Gas wells: Yes

Hydraulic Fracturing

1. Permitting: Yes
- a. Before drilling: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 45](#).
 - b. Before fracing: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 45](#).
 - c. How long before: Prior to initiation.
2. Reporting Requirements: Yes
- a. Where reported: WOGCC, all treatments (Fee, State, Federal)
 - b. When reported: Within 30 days of completion.
3. Source water requirements: Approved by [State Engineer's Office](#)
4. Mechanical Integrity: Yes
- a. Cementing log required: No
 - b. Pressure testing: All casing required to be properly tested.
 - c. Pressure monitoring: Yes
 - d. Blowout preventer required: Yes, if wellhead is not installed.
5. Disposal of flowback fluids:
- a. Retaining pits: Yes, if lined.
 - b. Tanks: Yes
 - c. Approved discharge to surface water: Yes (NPDES)

- d. Underground injection: Yes, if approved by UIC Program
6. Chemical disclosure requirement:
- a. Mandatory: Yes
 - b. Where disclosed: WOGCC
 - c. When disclosed (pre-fracing, post-fracing, both): both
 - d. Time limit to disclose: pre-frac: prior to initiation; post-frac: within 30 days of completion.
 - e. Information required to be disclosed: Fluid types, additives, chemical compound name and CAS, and concentrations.
 - f. Trade secret protection: Yes
 - g. Required disclosure to health/emergency personnel: No

Underground Injection

1. Agencies that control the underground injection of fluid by well class: WOGCC, Class II; DEQ, Class I, Class V, Class VI.

Completion

1. Completion report required: Yes, [Form 3](#).
- a. Time limit: Within 30 days after completion.
 - b. Where submitted: WOGCC
2. Well logs required to be filed: Yes
- a. Time limit: Within 30 days after logs are run or within 30 days after completion of any further operation on it; if such operations involve drilling or redrilling. If requested, a 30-day extension to the filing due date may be granted.
 - b. Where submitted: WOGCC. [Chapter 3, Section 21](#).
 - c. Confidential time period: Yes. Six months if requested.
 - d. Available for public use: Yes

- e. Log catalog available: Yes
- 3. Multiple completion regulation: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 35](#).
 - a. Approval obtained: Administratively, in the absence of any objection; otherwise by Commission order.
- 4. Commingling in well bore: Yes. [Chapter 3, Section 35](#).
 - a. Approval obtained: Administratively, in the absence of any objection; otherwise by Commission order.

Oil Production

- 1. Definition of an oil well: Oil well shall mean a well the principal production of which, at the mouth of the well, is oil, as defined by the Wyoming Conservation Law, Chapter 1, Section 2(ii).
- 2. Potential tests required: Yes. [Form 3](#).
 - a. Time interval: Within 30 days.
 - b. Witness required: Yes, by the operator; occasionally by the Commission.
- 3. Maximum gas-oil ratio: No
 - a. Provision for limiting gas-oil ratio: Occasionally. Only after notice and hearing in order to prevent subsurface waste and maintain the maximum reservoir pressure.
 - b. Exception to limiting gas-oil ratio: Yes
- 4. Bottom-hole pressure test reports required: Yes
 - a. Periodical bottom-hole pressure surveys: They can be, [Chapter 3, Section 36](#).
- 5. Commingling oil in common facilities: Approved administratively on application. Adequate metering or measuring of oil must be assured.
- 6. Measurement involving meters: No
- 7. Production reports:
 - a. By lease: No

- b. By well: Yes
- c. Time limit: 30 days after production.

Gas Production

1. Definition of a gas well: Gas well shall mean a well the principal production of which, at the mouth of the well, is gas, as defined by the Wyoming Conservation Law, Chapter 1, Section 2(u).
2. Pressure base 14.73 psia @ 60 degrees F.
3. Initial potential tests: Yes. [Form 3, and Forms 10 through 13](#).
 - a. Time interval: When necessary.
 - b. Witness required: Supervisor's discretion.
4. Bottom-hole pressure test reports required: Yes
 - a. Periodical bottom-hole pressure surveys: They can be.
5. Commingling of gas in common facilities: Considered administratively on application. Adequate measuring and testing must be assured.
6. Measurement involving meters: No
7. Production reports:
 - a. By lease: No
 - b. By well: Yes
 - c. Time limits: 30 days after production.