

GEORGIA

Note: Georgia did not submit updated information for 2014.
The information below is from Georgia's most recent submission.

Administration

1. Agency regulating oil and gas exploration/production: Environmental Protection Division, Department of Natural Resources, Geologic Survey Branch, Room 400, 19 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., S. W., Atlanta, GA 30334-9004. Phone (404) 656-3214. (Rules and Regulations are available from the above).
2. Contact for regulatory updates: N/A
3. Docketing procedure: None; permits are issued or denied within 4 weeks of properly completed applications.
 - a. Emergency orders: The Director of the Environmental Protection Division may issue emergency orders for safety purposes or to protect ground and/or surface water.
 - b. Notice: N/A
4. Agency regulating air emissions: N/A
5. Agency regulating water quality: N/A

License

1. License required: N/A
2. Conditions of license: N/A

Bond/Surety

1. Purpose of surety: N/A
2. Plugging and restoration: N/A
3. Compliance bond required: Yes.
4. Types of surety accepted: N/A
5. Conditions of bond: Well must be plugged according to agreed upon specifications. All information developed from the well must be submitted to the Geologic Survey.

- a. Amount per well: Flexible; up to \$50,000.
- b. Amount of blanket bond: \$50,000 and adequate documentation of financial resources to plug wells.

Land Leasing Information

1. Leasing method: Sealed competitive bids.
2. Notice method: Once a week for 2 consecutive weeks in the legal organ and in one or more newspapers in the county or counties.
3. Minimum bidding \$ (per acre): N/A
4. Qualification of the bidder: N/A
5. State statutes: §50-16-43
6. Maximum acres: N/A
7. Royalty rates: N/A
8. Agency in control of leasing: N/A

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: Flexible; to insure public safety at well or to maximize production; refer to Rules and Regulations.
 - a. Density: Flexible.
 - b. Lineal: Flexible.
2. Exceptions: Yes.
 - a. Basis: Adequate technical justification.
 - b. Approval: By the Director of the Environmental Protection Division.

Pooling

1. Authority to establish voluntary: Yes.
2. Authority to establish compulsory: Yes.

Unitization

1. Compulsory unitization of all or part of a pool or common source of supply: N/A at present; but rules and regulations provide for compulsory unitization.
2. Minimum percentage of voluntary agreement before approval of compulsory unitization:
 - a. Working interest: N/A.
 - b. Royalty interest: N/A.

Drilling Permit

1. Permits required for:
 - a. Drilling a producing or service well: Yes.
 - b. Seismic drilling: Yes, from Department of Transportation with concurrence from Geologic Survey.
 - c. Recompletion: Yes.
 - d. Plugging and abandoning: Yes.
2. Permit fee:
 - a. Drilling: Yes, \$25.
 - b. Seismic drilling: No.
 - c. Recompletion: N/A.
 - d. Plugging and abandoning: N/A.
3. Require filing report of work performed: Yes, well completion report.
4. Sundry notices used: N/A

Vertical Deviation

1. Regulation requirement: Flexible; refer to Rules and Regulations.

- a. When is a directional survey necessary: Flexible.
- b. Filing of survey required: Yes.
- c. Format of filing: N/A

Casing and Tubing

- 1. Minimum amount required:
 - a. Surface casing: Yes, to bottom of all fresh water zones.
 - b. Production casing: N/A.
- 2. Minimum amount of cement required:
 - a. Surface casing: Yes, entire annular space.
 - b. Production casing: N/A.
 - c. Setting time: Not specified.
- 3. Tubing requirements:
 - a. Oil wells: Not specified.
 - b. Gas wells: Not specified.

Hydraulic Fracturing

- 1. Permitting: N/A
 - a. Before drilling: N/A
 - b. Before fracing: N/A
 - c. How long before: N/A
- 2. Reporting requirements: N/A
 - a. Where reported: N/A
 - b. When reported: N/A
- 3. Source water requirements: N/A
- 4. Mechanical integrity: N/A
 - a. Cementing log required: N/A

- b. Pressure testing: N/A
 - c. Pressure monitoring: N/A
 - d. Blowout preventer required: N/A
5. Disposal of flowback fluids: N/A
- a. Retaining pits: N/A
 - b. Tanks: N/A
 - c. Approved discharge to surface water: N/A
 - d. Underground injection: N/A
6. Chemical disclosure requirement: N/A
- a. Mandatory: N/A
 - b. Where disclosed: N/A
 - c. When disclosed (pre-fracing, post-fracing, both): N/A
 - d. Time limit to disclose: N/A
 - e. Information required to be disclosed: N/A
 - f. Trade secret protection: N/A
 - g. Required disclosure to health/emergency personnel: N/A

Underground Injection

1. Agencies that control the underground injection of fluid by well class: N/A

Completion

1. Completion report required: Yes.
- a. Time limit: 45 days after completion.
 - b. Where submitted: State Geologist, Georgia Geologic Survey, Room 400, 19 Martin Luther King Dr., S. W., Atlanta, GA 30334.
2. Well logs required to be filed: Yes.
- a. Time limit: 45 days after well completion.

- b. Where submitted: State Geologist, Georgia Geologic Survey, Room 400, 19 Martin Luther King Dr., S. W., Atlanta, GA 30334.
 - c. Confidential time period: Yes. Six months or longer.
 - d. Available for public use: Yes, after confidential period expires.
 - e. Log catalog available: Yes.
3. Multiple completion regulation: Yes.
- a. Approval obtained: Yes.
4. Commingling in well bore: Yes.
- a. Approval obtained: Yes.

Oil Production

1. Definition of an oil well: Georgia has no production as yet, so has not legally defined the term "oil well." To qualify for the oil well production bonus, the law requires at least 100 barrels of oil per day production.
2. Potential tests required: N/A.
 - a. Time interval: N/A.
 - b. Witness required: N/A.
3. Maximum gas-oil ratio: N/A.
 - a. Provision for limiting gas-oil ratio: N/A.
 - b. Exception to limiting gas-oil ratio: N/A.
4. Bottom-hole pressure test reports required: N/A.
 - a. Periodical bottom-hole pressure surveys: N/A.
5. Commingling oil in common facilities: N/A.
6. Measurement involving meters: N/A.
7. Production reports: N/A.
 - a. By lease: N/A.
 - b. By well: N/A.

c. Time limit: N/A.

Gas Production

1. Definition of a gas well: Georgia has no production as yet, so has not legally defined the term "gas well".
2. Pressure base N/A psia @ ___ degrees F.
3. Initial potential tests: N/A.
 - a. Time interval: N/A.
 - b. Witness required: N/A.
4. Bottom-hole pressure test reports required: N/A.
 - a. Periodical bottom-hole pressure surveys: N/A.
5. Commingling of gas in common facilities: N/A.
6. Measurement involving meters: N/A.
7. Production reports: N/A.
 - a. By lease: N/A.
 - b. By well: N/A.
 - c. Time limits: N/A.