



E-REFERENCE:

**SUMMARY OF STATE STATUTES
AND REGULATIONS FOR OIL AND
GAS PRODUCTION AND
EXPLORATION**



Audience & Purpose

- Audience

- States
- Public
- Industry

- Purpose

- Provide a resource to learn how individual states regulate oil & gas exploration & production



Previous Publications

- Last updated in 2007
- Participants
 - 37 States
 - Bureau of Land Management
 - 2 International Affiliates
- Formats Available
 - Print
 - Cd-rom



Changes for 2012 Publication

○ Formats Available

- Cd-rom
- On-line availability to members

○ Goals

- Move toward a digital “living” publication.
- To the extent possible, provide citations of statutes and regulations.
- Link to the text of the statutes and regulations.



Changes for 2012 Publication

- Removed Topics
 - NORM
 - Taxation
- Added Topics/Questions
 - Licensing
 - Sureties
 - Hydraulic Fracturing
 - Underground Injection Control



Status of the 2012 Update

- Update requests began going out mid-June
- Updates have been received from (as of 9/20/12)
 - 29 of 37 States
 - 3 of 6 International Affiliates





New Summary Looks Like:

License

1. License required: A license must be obtained from the Commission before any person can contract to pull casing or plug oil, gas, injection, disposal, or other service wells, or contract to or purchase wells for the purpose of salvaging casing from such wells. [OAC 165:10-11-1](#), [OAC 165:5-7-38](#).
2. Conditions of license: A license for pulling casing or plugging wells is not transferable and may at any time be suspended or revoked by the Commission for good cause upon application, notice and hearing. [OAC 165:10-11-1](#), [OAC 165:5-7-38](#). Operating requirements for licensees appear in [OAC 165:10-11-2](#).

Bond/Surety

1. Purpose of surety: That all wells will be drilled, operated and plugged in accordance with Oklahoma law and Commission rules. [Okla. Stat. Tit. 52 § 318.1](#), [OAC 165:10-1-10](#).
2. Plugging and restoration: If the Commission determines, after notice and hearing, that a person has neglected, failed or refused to plug or replug any well, to close any surface impoundment or to remove trash and equipment as required by Oklahoma law and Commission rules, then the person's surety can be forfeited in an amount equal to the cost of plugging or replugging the well, closing surface impoundments or removing trash and equipment. [Okla. Stat. Tit. 52 § 318.1](#), [OAC 165:10-1-10](#).
3. Compliance bond required: Surety, or evidence of financial ability, is required of any person who drills or operates any well for the exploration, development or production of oil or gas, or as an injection or disposal well, in the State of Oklahoma. [Okla. Stat. Tit. 52 § 318.1](#), [OAC 165:10-1-10](#). A performance bond in the amount of \$50,000.00, or other form of surety in an amount approved by the Conservation Division, is required for seismic operations, and a financial surety guarantee in compliance with [OAC 165:10-1-10](#) is required in connection with stratigraphic test hole operations. [OAC 165:10-7-31](#).



Moving Forward

- Provide citations
- Notify IOGCC of regulatory & statutory changes
- Promptly complete annual survey



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