

# State and Provincial Relief Measures

The sudden and unforeseeable COVID-19 pandemic and a global oversupply of oil has significantly affected state and provincial governments and oil and gas producers across North America. During this unprecedented time, jurisdictions are encountering unique challenges that require immediate planning and action.

The member states and provinces of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) have submitted information on state and provincial relief measures implemented or planned in response to these circumstances. IOGCC has gathered this information in the following table, which will serve as a repository of information for the IOGCC member states and provinces and other interested parties.

This table contains information submitted as of June 29, 2020. It will be updated as additional information is provided.

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Alaska					Implementing electronic application and reporting procedures. See attached PDFs of guidance bulletins for details.	
Alberta	Temporarily suspended certain requirements and delayed collection of the 2020/2021 orphan fund levy. Click <a href="#">here</a> for announcement.		Extended the term of mineral agreements expiring in 2020 (click <a href="#">here</a> for announcement).		Developed the Site Rehabilitation Program using C\$1 billion in federal stimulus funding (click <a href="#">here</a> for more	

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					information) and is covering half (C\$113 million) of the 2020 industry levy for the Alberta Energy Regulator (click <a href="#">here</a> for more information).	
Arizona					Holding Oil and Gas Conservation Commission meeting virtually.	No operator has requested relief. Drilling for helium is accelerating.
Arkansas	Extension of well plugging deadlines. Extension of testing deadlines for temporarily abandoned wells and disposal wells. Additional accommodations considered case-by-case. Temporary waiver of fees. See attached PDFs for details.			Executive Order requires the Oil and Gas Commission to take steps to prevent waste, including restricting the production or sale of crude oil as necessary and appropriate. See attached PDF of Executive Order.	Accepting electronically signed and filed documents. See attached PDF of rule accommodations.	
British Columbia	Delayed payment of pipeline levy from 30 days to 90 days after invoicing. Postponed invoicing of orphan liability levy until further notice.		Stopped disposition of subsurface tenure until further notice. Allowed for the Minister to		Implementing federal funding package. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information.	

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	Suspended requirements for permits extension applications while the province maintains its Provincial Emergency Declaration. See attached PDF of information bulletin for details		grant continuation for a period of one year or less, of a subsurface drilling license or lease, based on specific criteria. See attached PDFs of information letters for details.			
California	Extension of regulatory deadlines in certain circumstances. One-time, two-month extension of time to submit idle well management plans and fees. Click <a href="#">here</a> for details on these extensions in the notice to operators entitled Covid-19 Pandemic Guidance.	Extension of state income tax filing deadline to July 15.			Online meetings for public health rules. Electronic reporting through WellSTAR.	
Idaho				Operator has ceased production of oil and gas.		Hydrocarbon production in the state has ended for the foreseeable future.
Illinois	Extended time for abatement of non-					

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	emergency compliance issues. See attached PDF.					
Kansas	Temporary waiver of notary requirements. Temporary automatic license extensions. Widespread deadline extensions. See attached PDFs for details.				Virtual Commission meetings.	
Kentucky						No relief measures have been discussed yet. Focusing on critical health and jobless issues.
Maryland						No action taken.
New Mexico	Oil Conservation Division: Issuing agreed compliance orders authorizing wells to remain inactive due to economic hardship. Working on a case-by-case basis with operators who seek extensions of time to achieve compliance with requirements including environmental remediation, drilling and completion under compulsory pooling orders, surface commingling		State Land Office: Adopted emergency rule allowing temporary shut-in of wells on state lands due to low oil prices. See attached PDFs of emergency rule and FAQ document.		Oil Conservation Division: Developed electronic processes to receive applications, fees, and other correspondence. Transitioned to virtual hearings.	

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	measurement and allocation, gas and water analysis at wells, well investigation and repair, and field compliance requirements. Relief does not apply to incidents that may cause health, safety, waste, or environmental concerns. See attached PDFs of public notice and compliance guidelines for more information.					
New York						Oil and gas activities are considered essential business and have continued operations as authorized through Executive Order 202.6.
North Dakota	Oil and Gas: One-year grace period on bond increases for commercial disposal wells and abandoned wells. Reinstatement of inactive well waivers, noncompleted well		Trust Lands: Procedures for requesting shut-in status without canceling lease. Provision for up to two 180-day	Oil and Gas: Economic waste hearing scheduled for May 20.	Oil and Gas and Public Service: Provisions for remote hearings.	For other relief being considered, see attached PDF.

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	<p>waivers, and suspension of drilling waivers. Meter proving requirements reduced to quarterly. See attached PDFs for more detail.</p> <p>Environmental Quality: Winter blend gasoline waiver. Tank integrity testing flexibility and ground water and air quality sampling flexibility. Alternative compliance for social distancing and travel restrictions.</p> <p>Public Service: Reduced filing fees and refund of unused fees. Expedited review and approval process for oil and gas infrastructure projects.</p>		lease extensions for inability to produce in commercial quantities. See attached PDFs for more detail.			
Northwest Territories						No relief measures have been put in place.
Ohio					General Assembly enacted legislation that extends appeal deadlines, allows meetings	The oil and gas industry is operating as essential business.

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					and hearings to be conducted virtually, and made similar changes that benefit the oil and gas industry as well as others.	
Oklahoma	Continuing to work with operators to determine most effective and reasonable approach to ensure compliance. Operators will be afforded sufficient time to take corrective action.			Commission emergency order authorizes operators/ producers to shut-in or curtail oil production from wells where they determine such action is necessary and warranted to prevent economic waste. See attached PDF of order.		
Saskatchewan	Implementing temporary policy to provide enforcement discretion for oil and gas regulations. Relief does not extend to compliance issues posing significant and immediate health and safety risks to people and the environment. See attached PDF for details.				Working on delivering federal funding packages, particularly on orphan and inactive oil and gas wells. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information.	

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South Dakota						No special relief measures implemented at this time.
Texas	<p>Issued four notices to operators for relief measures including issuance of waivers of certain requirements, extensions of authorizations and certain filing dates, and extensions of compliance deadlines. Extensions do not apply to violations that may cause health, safety, waste, or environmental concerns. See attached PDFs of notices to operators for details.</p> <p>Issued temporary orders providing exceptions to certain fee requirements, extending time to comply with certain requirements, and allowing for lower administrative penalties. See attached PDFs of orders.</p>			On May 5, the Railroad Commission declined to reinstate proration and dismissed a motion for hearing to determine reasonable market demand for oil. Click <a href="#">here</a> for archived webcast of Agenda Item 190.	Issued temporary order allowing for storage of oil in underground reservoirs. See attached PDF of SWR 95 order.	
Utah	Granted temporary exceptions to					

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	administrative rules, including: extension of time to post bond or modify bond coverage; extension of drilling permit term; and acceptance of immediate notification of major undesirable events by email and text message and extension of time for written reporting of undesirable events. See attached PDF for details.					
Virginia						Industries have not requested any variances.
West Virginia		Extension of state income tax filing deadline to July 15.				
Wyoming	Operators do not need approval to shut in wells and no additional bonding will be required during this time.	Reduced conservation tax from .0005 to zero for six months. Reduced severance tax by 2% for all new wells drilled after July 1, 2020,				

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		when oil prices are less than \$55 WTI and gas prices are less than \$2.95 mcf.				