



Indian Oil and Gas Canada

Opening Opportunities

Mandated to fulfill Canada's fiduciary and statutory obligations related to the management of oil and gas on First Nation lands and to further First Nation initiatives to manage and control their oil and gas resources.

1. Land for opportunity

IOGC confirms reserve title to the land prior to leasing and verifies that the lands are designated, which allows IOGC to manage the First Nation's oil and gas resources.

2. Subsurface agreements

Subsurface agreements provide companies with rights to drill and to produce oil and gas. IOGC assists the First Nation to negotiate agreements with companies and also ensures fair returns before IOGC and the First Nation approve the agreement. IOGC drafts and administers the agreements and collects bonuses, royalties and rents from companies on behalf of the First Nation.

3. Seismic programs

Exploratory licences provide companies with surface access to conduct seismic activity. A company must submit an environmental assessment as part of the exploratory licence application to IOGC and the First Nation. Once approved, IOGC collects right of entry fees from companies on behalf of the First Nation.

4. Surface agreements

Surface agreements provide companies with the right to construct surface facilities such as well sites and access roads or to install pipelines. A company must submit an environmental assessment with their surface lease or right-of-way application to IOGC and the First Nation. IOGC ensures that environmental protection standards are met before IOGC and the First Nation approve the agreement. IOGC administers the agreements and collects initial considerations and annual rents from companies on behalf of the First Nation.

5. Drilling wells

A company must have a surface lease and submit a provincial well licence to the First Nation and IOGC prior to drilling. IOGC collects drilling information from companies for statistics and other purposes, such as helping with IOGC's interpretation of the geology under the reserve.

6. Production

IOGC monitors and evaluates all aspects of oil and gas production from drilling to abandonment, such as monitoring offset drilling and ensuring proper measurement and production reporting. IOGC ensures that production occurs in a sound environmental manner and that royalties are calculated accurately, including auditing prices and deductions. IOGC collects royalties on behalf of the First Nation.

7. Well abandonment

Companies require written permission from IOGC in consultation with the First Nation to abandon a well. IOGC checks the well for additional production possibilities.

8. Surrenders of subsurface agreements

IOGC reviews all surrender requests in consultation with the First Nation. As long as a company is not in default of any part of the Regulations or lease on Indian lands, IOGC will process and execute the surrender.

9. Surrenders of surface agreements (remediation and reclamation)

Before a surface surrender will be considered, companies must abandon any wells, remove any facilities, conduct remediation if necessary and reclaim the area. The surrenders of surface agreements are approved by IOGC following confirmation, by inspection with the First Nation, that reclamation is satisfactory.

Major Statutory Authorities:

Indian Oil and Gas Act

Indian Oil and Gas Regulations, 1995

"Working together with First Nations to manage their oil and gas resources"

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- Respect
- Positive Attitude
- Shared Leadership/Teamwork

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