



Overview of Indian Oil and Gas Canada

Indian Oil and Gas Canada (IOGC) manages oil and gas resources on First Nation reserve lands across Canada. It is a Special Operating Agency with a dual mandate: to fulfill the Crown's fiduciary and statutory obligations related to the management of oil and gas resources on First Nations lands; and to further First Nation initiatives to manage and control their oil and gas resources.

IOGC represents over 60 First Nations with oil and gas activity in the provinces of BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan. It also monitors all First Nations reserve lands across Canada for hydrocarbon potential.

IOGC manages a high level of oil and gas activity on First Nation lands, collecting \$271.5 million during fiscal year 2005–2006. In the last seven years, IOGC has collected more than \$1.5 billion in oil and gas moneys on behalf of First Nations.

Four distinct units within IOGC work together to manage First Nations oil and gas resources. The Executive unit is accountable for corporate direction and strategy, consultation, policy development, pilot project management, communications and executive services. The Land unit issues and administers agreements on First Nations lands, including assisting First Nations with negotiations and ensuring environmental compliance. The Production unit monitors production from First Nation lands and ensures the accurate calculation and collection of royalties. The Planning and Corporate Services unit is responsible for corporate planning, finance, administration and human resources.

Many First Nation-owned oil and gas companies are active on First Nation lands. At the end of fiscal year 2005–2006, 17 First Nation-owned companies held 167 subsurface agreements on Indian Reserve lands, representing 22 percent of the total that IOGC administered. Under these agreements, 163,000 hectares were disposed, representing 28 percent of the total.

IOGC's offices are located on the scenic Tsuu T'ina Nation reserve at the western edge of Calgary. IOGC has about 70 staff; more than 40 percent are Aboriginal.

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



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