

Agency 057 - OIL & GAS CONSERVATION COMM

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

- A. Statutory Authority: 57-104
- B. Statutory Authority: 57-601 through 57-609
- C. Statutory Authority: 57-901 through 57-923

VISION:

Our vision is to be the most efficient and responsive oil and gas regulatory body in the United States as we seek to steward the development of our state's oil and gas resources while protecting the environment.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, established in 1959, is to regulate the exploration, development and production of Nebraska's oil and natural gas resources up to the maximum efficient rate while promoting the health, safety, and environment of the residents of Nebraska.

GOALS:

The primary goal of the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission is to continue to be timely, efficient, and effective as it regulates the exploration, development and production of the natural resources of oil and natural gas.

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Financial Data

	FY16 Actual	FY17 Approp	FY18 Request	FY18 Recomm	FY19 Request	FY19 Recomm
Operations Funding						
General Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Fund	661,031	863,594	894,250	821,282	915,663	829,648
Federal Fund	79,000	79,750	79,750	79,991	79,750	80,333
Revolving Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Operations	740,031	943,344	974,000	901,273	995,413	909,981
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Oil and Gas Conservation Commission was created in 1959. The agency regulates all oil and gas exploration and production activities in the state under its Rules and Regulations. Various permits are issued and information is collected for each well. Data for production, injection, drill stem tests, cores, and geological information are collected and made available to the public.

The Commission is responsive to mineral owners, surface owners, and oil and gas operators as we seek to efficiently regulate the development of our vital, irreplaceable oil and gas resources.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

1. Regulate the exploration and development of oil and natural gas resources in a manner as will prevent waste and protect correlative rights.
2. Insure drilling operations are conducted in an acceptable manner with minimum potential for harm or damage to the environment, both surface and subsurface.
3. Provide all wells are cased, cemented and plugged in a manner which will prevent migration of fluids from their source to other reservoirs or aquifers.
4. Maintain all well data, production and injection data, and geologic data in RBDMS.
5. Provide public access to these databases via the Internet.
6. Assist the Conservation and Survey Division in its role of preserving rock samples and cores from deep wells drilled in Nebraska.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

The percentage of original oil-in-place produced from Nebraska reservoirs is among the highest in the nation even though the majority of Nebraska reservoirs are "under saturated depletion" types which exhibit low recovery. Secondary recovery has been very successful and new units will continue to be established after public hearings. At this time, no complaints are on file alleging waste, disproportionate drainage, or damage resulting from underground trespass due to improper drilling, completion, or plugging practices.

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