

NDOM and NDWR Project Permitting Guide

Oil/Gas Wells and Water Rights					
Activity	Agency Lead	Paperwork Required	Timeframe	Required Action	Approval Required
Use of water for oil/gas exploration. This is only for drill water for the drilling of the exploration wells	NDWR	Oil and Gas Waiver	None provided by regulation or statute	Submit Oil and Gas (OG) Waiver request for NDWR review	Yes, prior to submitting NOI to drill a new well or using water from an existing well
Project will consumptively use water during its operation.	NDWR	Water Right Application	Minimum of 3 Months, DWR cannot review application until publication notice and protest period are complete as required by statute	Submit application and water right map to Division for review	Yes, required prior to drilling well in designated basin or using any water for the use proposed on the application.
Drill or plug well under an approved waiver or permit issued by NDWR	NDWR	Notice of Intent to Drill	Well Driller must submit at least 3 working days prior to drilling	Licensed Well driller submits a Notice of Intent to the Division for review	Yes required prior to drilling or plugging well
Licensed Well Driller completes well under an approved waiver or permit issued by NDWR	NDWR	Well Log Form	Well driller to provide within 30 days after completion of well	Well driller submits Well Driller's Report (Well Log) to the Division within 30 days of completing the well	No
Consumptively using water under the terms of water right Permit.	NDWR		Up to 10 years	Comply with terms of permit including any filing of proofs or submission of data.	Yes, for certain filings.
Application for Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well	NDOM	Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well.	NDOM reviews as soon as practicable, permit is good for 2 years and can be extended by the Division with good cause shown NAC 522.220	Complete application including form, all needed data, bond and fee payment. Reviewed by FMPM and approved by Administrator	Yes, if on Federal Land, Federal Approval Required before NDOM Approval
Application for Permit to Drill an Oil Salt Water Disposal Well	NDOM	Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well.	Not called out in regulations, revert to oil well regulations.	Complete application including form, all needed data, bond and fee payment. Reviewed by FMPM and approved by Administrator	Yes, if on Federal Land, Federal Approval Required before NDOM Approval
Application for Permit for Secondary Recovery Operations	NDOM	Sundry Notice Form 4	Not called out in regulations, revert to oil well regulations.	Complete application including form, all needed data, bond and fee payment. Reviewed by FMPM and approved by Administrator	Yes, if on Federal Land, Federal Approval Required before NDOM Approval
Notification of Injection Operations / Casing for Injection Wells	NDOM	Sundry Notice Form 4	Before injection begins	Complete application including form, all needed data, bond and fee payment. Reviewed by FMPM and approved by Administrator	Yes, if on Federal Land, Federal Approval Required before NDOM Approval