



## COVID-19 Response: Department of Mineral Resources Field Work and Inspections Last Updated: April 13, 2020

### **Office Locations and Staffing:**

North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources offices are closed to public access effective immediately as a COVID-19 precaution. This includes offices in Bismarck, Minot, Dickinson, Williston and the North Dakota Core Library in Grand Forks. Department of Mineral Resources offices will remain closed to public access until otherwise indicated by the State of North Dakota. Department of Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas Division, and Geological Survey staff will be available virtually through their email. If you are unsure who to contact, you can reach out to DMR by emailing [oilandgasinfo@nd.gov](mailto:oilandgasinfo@nd.gov) or calling 701-328-8020. We will get back to your voicemail as quickly as possible.

### **Oil and Gas Division Hearings:**

Oil and Gas Division Hearings will continue as scheduled. See guidance online for temporary hearing procedures. Located on the [Hearing Dockets](#) page.

### **Field Work & Inspections:**

Field Inspection staff need to be able to access sites in North Dakota at any time due to the regulatory requirements and duties of the Department of Mineral Resources. We are following policies put out by Federal and State health agencies to protect against our staff and others from the COVID-19 virus.

Listed below are steps that employees conducting field work or inspection are doing to help protect against the virus:

1. Only if it is determined to be necessary will Field Inspectors go on sites when other personnel are present. All required information that can be gathered without an actual site visit will be collected virtually.
2. Each Field Inspector will have on their person a DMR health checklist indicating they are cleared to be at work. This checklist will be provided should an operator request it prior to entering a site.

### **Regulatory Filing and Reporting:**

For oil and gas operators or others submitting regulatory reporting there is guidance located on the [Forms](#) page of the Oil and Gas Division website. Many forms are currently capable of being submitted electronically, however forms that are required to be mailed in will still be processed. If you have questions about any reporting contact the Oil and Gas Division at [oilandgasinfo@nd.gov](mailto:oilandgasinfo@nd.gov)

### **North Dakota Industrial Commission (NDIC) meetings:**

Questions related to North Dakota Industrial Commission meetings should be directed to the Industrial Commission. The NDIC phone number is 701-328-3722 and email is [ndicinfo@nd.gov](mailto:ndicinfo@nd.gov)

**Should any changes to the above tasks change, updates will be made to this document. Please take this time to virtually experience the many resources we have available online.**

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