

Well Waiver Guidance

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How to submit a request through NorthSTAR – What sundry types to request:

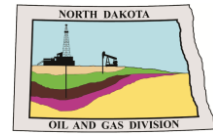
1. **Review guidelines online for all requirements needed to be met and documentation that will need to be submitted with your well waiver. Guidelines are saved in the Guidance and Policy section.**
<https://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/policies.asp>
2. Well waiver requests are to be submitted through the new NorthSTAR database. [Click here for more information if you are new to NorthSTAR.](#)

Inactive Well Waiver & Noncompleted Well Waiver

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- The operator must submit a Sundry Notice intent to request a waiver to plug and reclaim an abandoned well pursuant to NDAC § 43-02-03-55 Part (3).
- You will need to submit a *Sundry Form* and choose the following in Step 1:
 - Facility Type: Well
 - Sundry Type: Notification of Work Performed
 - Category: Well Operations
 - Type of Work: Well Status Update
 - Description: Requesting [INSERT WAIVER NAME] for Well [INSERT FILE #]
- Ensure all proper documentation as outlined in the guidance documents is included and requirements have been met.
- Official guidance documents are in the Policies and Guidance section at www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas

Suspension of Drilling Well Waivers

- Review guidelines online for all requirements needed to be met and documentation that will need to be submitted with your well waiver. Guidelines are saved in the Guidance and Policy section.
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- You will need to submit a *Sundry Form* and choose the following in Step 1:
 - Sundry Type: Request for Consideration/Waiver
 - Category: Well Operations
 - Type of Work: Suspension of Drilling
- Ensure all proper documentation as outlined in the guidance documents is included and requirements have been met.
- Official guidance documents are in the Policies and Guidance section at www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas



Prior to submitting a request for any well waivers please consider the following:

DO NOT submit a request for a *Suspension of Drilling (SOD) Well Waiver* if:

- Conductor or Surface casing will be or have been set for less than 30 days.

DO NOT submit a request for a *Suspension of Drilling Extension (SOD) Well Waiver* if:

- A SOD was granted, and the allotted timeframe (i.e. 90 days) has not expired.

DO NOT submit a request for a *Temporarily Abandoned Conductor/Surface Casing (TASC) Well Waiver* if:

- The one-year timeframe from when either conductor or surface casing was set has not expired.

DO NOT submit a request for a *Temporarily Abandoned Production/Intermediate Casing (TAI) Well Waiver* if:

- The SOD Extension has not expired.

DO NOT submit a request for a *Temporarily Abandoned, Drilled to Total Depth (TATD) Well Waiver* if:

- The well reached total depth less than one year ago.

If you have questions related to the information above contact the North Dakota Oil and Gas Division at 701-328-8020 or by email at oilandgasinfo@nd.gov.