



# Oil and Gas Division

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BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Oil and Gas Division has issued four drilling permits – two in Emmons County and two in McIntosh County – to Strata-X Energy.

“The division wanted to make this announcement because it is so rare to see anything issued this far east of Highway 83,” said Lynn Helms, division director. “These permits are a part of an exploratory program known as ‘wildcatting.’”

Helms said Strata-X will evaluate the results from the wells to determine if future drilling could be economically viable. If successful, a more intense drilling program would still be many years away.

The permits are on confidential status, which by law restricts information the division can release to the public for a period of six months from the start of drilling. The division can release the name of the operator, well name, well location, spacing or drilling unit description, drilling date and production sold.

Drilling permits expire after one year, but the operator may request a one-year extension.

Staghorn Energy, LLC attempted a drilling program in 2006 in Emmons County. All wells drilled were uneconomic.

You can view the approved permit information on the Daily Activity Report at 5 p.m. Wednesday, at [www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/dailyindex.asp](http://www.dmr.nd.gov/oilgas/dailyindex.asp)

More information is available on the Strata-X Energy website [www.strata-x.com/sleeping-giant.html](http://www.strata-x.com/sleeping-giant.html)