

**Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission
Strategic Plan**



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ARKANSAS OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

FY 2018 – FY 2019 STRATEGIC PLAN

MISSION: To prevent waste and encourage conservation of the Arkansas oil, natural gas and brine resources, to protect the correlative rights associated with those resources, and to respect the environment during the production, extraction, and transportation of those resources.

VISION: To serve the citizens of Arkansas and the regulated community with an efficient, effective, scientific and technical based regulatory framework to support economic development for Arkansas.

CORE VALUES Integrity, Efficiency, Innovation, Responsive, Enterprise, Professional

GOAL 1 SUMMARY – INCREASE EFFICIENCY OF REGULATORY PROGRAM UTILIZING SPECIALIZED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITIES

Measurable Objective 1: Complete modernization and upgrade of AOGC Well and Production Data Management System (RBDMS)

Strategy 1: By the end of FY18, complete development of the replacement RBDMS Legacy System with the new RBDMS.NET desktop application.

Measurable Objective 2: Continue to enhance, promote, and develop AOGC E-reporting System (paperless system) to reduce administrative costs of regulatory compliance for the regulated community and the AOGC.

Strategy 1: Enhance electronic reporting of monthly production information of oil, natural gas, and brine during FY 18. This process involves the reporting of information directly into AOGC databases by the regulated community.

Strategy 2: By the end of FY19, develop and implement electronic reporting of other required regulatory reports, permits requests, and other forms required to be submitted to the AOGC to further reduce or eliminate submittal of paper forms.

Measurable Objective 3: Continue efficiency improvements to newly implemented Field Inspector Report System (FIRS)

Strategy 1: Continue to enhance and further develop a recently implemented electronic field inspection reporting system (FIRS) which replaced an inefficient, labor intensive, manual processing field inspection reporting system. The FIRS application will be modified to provide for the upload of inspection photographs, in real-time from the field during the inspection, to further enhance the data gathering efforts of field activities.

GOAL 2 SUMMARY – INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS OF REGULATORY PROGRAM BY PROVIDING SEAMLESS PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Measurable Objective 1: Delineate and streamline overlapping multiple agency jurisdictions of oil and natural gas regulatory issues through cross-agency collaboration.

Strategy 1: Concurrent and overlapping jurisdiction of Class II Disposal Wells between AOGC and ADEQ. Complete collaboration with ADEQ to amend APC&E Reg. 1 to streamline regulation of Class II Disposal Well surface facilities. This will provide clarity and a single point of regulation for the regulated community, and create efficiencies for both ADEQ and AOGC.

Strategy 2: Seek and complete certification from USDOT - PHMSA to administer newly adopted federal regulations dealing with gas storage in Arkansas. Amend existing, or into new MOU between AOGC and APSC to clarify AOGC jurisdiction with respect to gas storage facilities in Arkansas. Adopt necessary AOGC rules for gas storage regulation.

Measurable Objective 2: AOGC Rule Modernization

Strategy 1: AOGC has been engaged in an ongoing rule modernization effort of existing AOGC rules since 2005. Of the 97 rules, 74 have been adopted, amended, revised, and repealed, and some have been amended numerous times during this time period due to technological advances in oil and natural gas development. Complete review, and if necessary, modernize or repeal the remaining 23 rules.

GOAL 3 SUMMARY – ENHANCE PUBLIC OUTREACH AND TRANSPARENCY OF AOGC REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Measurable Objective 1: Further refine AOGC webpage applications through innovative designs to enhance user accessibility to information.

Strategy 1: Online well and production data availability will be enhanced through a new and innovative user interface for use by regulated community, general public, and other stakeholders.

Strategy 2: Enhance GIS capability to present wellbore and certain geologic information in a visual format for use by regulated community, general public, and other stakeholders.

Measurable Objective 2: **Develop and implement mobile application(s).**

Strategy 1: Develop and implement a mobile application for use by general public to report any complaints. Review other state agencies currently utilizing similar applications to determine applicability for use by AOGC.

APPENDIX: AGENCY PROFILE AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

- AOGC Alignment Chart
- AOGC Organizational Chart

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APPENDIX

| AOGC's Goals | Governor's Goals |
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| Increase efficiency of regulatory program utilizing specialized information technology capabilities | <p><u>Efficient and Responsive:</u> Transform the culture of state government</p> <p><u>Grow:</u> Create jobs and grow Arkansas's economy</p> <p><u>Quality of Life:</u> Make Arkansas the best state to work, live, and raise a family</p> |
| Increase effectiveness of regulatory program by providing seamless program implementation | <p><u>Efficient and Responsive:</u> Transform the culture of state government</p> <p><u>Grow:</u> Create jobs and grow Arkansas's economy</p> <p><u>Quality of Life:</u> Make Arkansas the best state to work, live, and raise a family</p> |
| Enhance public outreach and transparency of AOGC regulatory activities | <p><u>Efficient and Responsive:</u> Transform the culture of state government</p> <p><u>Educate:</u> Support a path of life-long learning for Arkansans</p> <p><u>Grow:</u> Create jobs and grow Arkansas's economy</p> <p><u>Safe:</u> Protecting the public's safety and security</p> |

