SOUTHEAST WYOMING
NIOBRARA OIL DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION

The Petroleum Association of Wyoming (PAW) provides this reference information to facilitate continued communication during the development of the Niobrara oil play in Wyoming.

The members of PAW have established a Niobrara Committee to provide education and information, share what has been heard in communities and create solutions for community needs and concerns. PAW recognizes that the Niobrara development requires continuing dialogue between industry, government and citizens.

NIOBRARA PLAY REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

PERMIT/AGENCY

Application for Permit to Drill (APD)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
BLM Wyoming State Office
P.O. Box 1828
Cheyenne, WY 82003
(307) 775-6256 (p) | (307) 775-6229 (f)
http://wogcc.state.wy.us/

• Required when applying for any

Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2640
Casper, WY 82602
(307) 234-7147 (p) | (307) 234-5306 (f)
http://wogcc.state.wy.us/

• Required when drilling any well
in Wyoming

Geophysical/Seismic Operation
Wyoming Oil & Gas
Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2640
Casper, WY 82602
(307) 234-7147 (p) | (307) 234-5306 (f)
http://wogcc.state.wy.us/

• Required when applying for any
geophysical or seismic operations

Application for Permit to Construct
and Use an Earthen Pit for Retention
of Produced Water (Form 14A or 14B)
Wyoming Oil & Gas
Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 2640
Casper, WY 82602
(307) 234-7147 (p) | (307) 234-5306 (f)
http://wogcc.state.wy.us/

• Required when establishing a
wellsite equipment;
• Required when temporarily storing
pipe and/or equipment for
construction projects

The federal Clean Water Act requires that the discharge of any pollutants from a point source into surface water must be regulated under the WYPDES program;

Wyoming Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WYPDES)
Discharge Permit
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Division
122 W. 25th St.
Herschler Building
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7081 (p)
http://deq.state.wy.us

• Required for construction of pit-ponds
to hold produced water from oil or gas
wells or reserve pits;
• Must include list of wells discharging to
pit-pond

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• Required for any source or facility
releasing pollutants into the air;
• Must receive permit before any work
can begin on facility other than
wellsite equipment;
• Depending on the project, an ongoing
operating Permit may also be required

Final Plat and Subdivision Permit
(Gravel Quarry)
Laramie County Planning & Development Office
(307) 633-4303 (p)
www.laramiecounty.com

Platte County Planning & Zoning Office
(307) 322-1341 (p)
www.platetcountywymoming.com

Goshen County Planning Commission
(307) 532-3852 (p)
www.goshencounty.org

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Small Construction Permit is required when construction is part of a Plan of Development (POD) and soil disturbance is at least one acre;

Large Construction Permit required when soil disturbance is five acres or more;

Periodic inspections must be performed;

Applicant certifies that he or she has
storm water pollution plan in place but
this is not submitted to the State with the
application

New Source Construction Permit
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Air Quality Division
122 W. 25th St.
Herschler Building
Cheyenne, WY 82002
(307) 777-7391 (p)
http://deq.state.wy.us/aqd/construction.asp

• Required when temporarily storing
pipe and/or equipment for
construction projects

Other Info:
Laramie County Commission
309 W. 20th St.
Cheyenne, WY 82001
(307) 633-4260 (p)
www.laramiecounty.com/contact_us.asp

Platte County Commission
P.O. Box 728
Wheatland, WY 82201
(307) 322-3555 (p)
www.plattecountywyoming.com

Goshen County Commission
2125 East A St.
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-2628 (p)
www.goshencounty.org

WyDOT Access Permit
Wyoming Department of Transportation District 1 Office
3411 S. 3rd St.
Laramie, WY 82070
(307) 745-2100 (p)
www.dot.state.wy.us

• Required when accessing well location
from state highways;

• Engineered drawings must be submitted;

• Application reviewed by WYDOT

PAW MEMBERS ARE COMMITTED TO:

• Best Management Practices
• Environmental Health and Safety
• Preserving Air and Water Quality
• Being a Good Neighbor

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Wyoming Tax and Royalty Definitions

**Severance Tax:**
Severance tax is levied by the state for “severing” a mineral from the earth. Severance taxes are levied regardless of surface ownership. 1.5 percent of the severance rate is designated for the Wyoming Permanent Mineral Fund. The remaining tax revenue is distributed to the general fund, schools, cities, towns, highways, counties and water development.

Oil & Gas Severance Rate = 6% (4% on stripper wells)

**State Royalties:**
Royalty rate usually is 16.66% on all state owned land.

**Conservation Tax:**
Taxes paid on the production of oil and gas to the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. Revenues fund overall operations of the Conservation Commission and its Abandoned Well Project.

**Federal Royalties:**
Royalty rate is 12.5% on all federal owned land. The state receives 48% of the federal royalties collected for leasing, production and fees on federal land. That money, along with state royalties, funds education, infrastructure improvements, road projects, public buildings, and other general operations. The U.S. Treasury divides monies received into the general fund, reclamation fund, national historic preservation, and the land and water conservation fund.

**Gross Production/Property Tax (Ad Valorem):**
County assessed taxes paid by the producer on the actual value at the time of oil and gas production to the County Treasurer. Revenues go to local governments.

County average in Wyoming = 6.7%

**County Property Tax:**
Counties assess property taxes. Property taxes are set by multiplying the county tax rate (mill levy) by the taxable (assessed) value of a property. The mill levy is determined by the governmental entity imposing the tax. Property taxes pay for public schools, city streets, county roads, police, fire protection and many other services.

**Sales Tax:**
Taxes paid on goods and services. State sales tax is 4%, cities and counties add their own rate to the state’s rate.

**Use Tax:**
If a vendor did not charge sales tax on a taxable retail sale, the purchaser must pay tax after delivery, as well as when keeping, storing, moving or installing item(s). If sale is subject to a state use tax, it is also subject to local use tax. State use tax is 4%. Cities and counties add their own rate to the state’s rate.

Sources:
www.pawyo.org
wogcc.state.wy.us
revenue.state.wy.us