

## **Current Regulatory Issues Affecting Oil and Gas Development in Wyoming**

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To meet the demand for domestic energy resources in the United States, oil and gas production technology and techniques have evolved rapidly in recent years. Consequently, changes to the extent and nature of environmental impacts associated with oil and gas development have also occurred. State and federal regulation of oil and gas operations have changed significantly to keep pace with these changes in oil and gas production techniques and associated environmental impacts.

This presentation will provide an overview of the most significant regulatory issues currently impacting oil and gas development in Wyoming. It will address four (4) primary areas of oil and gas regulation: wildlife; air quality; water quality; and Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (WOGCC) Regulations. It will highlight the most significant issues impacting oil and gas operations in Wyoming within each of these areas.

This presentation will be designed to provide an outline for a series of area specific presentations to follow. The objective is to have one or more speakers that are experts in each area of oil and gas regulation and have these experts present a more detailed analysis of each issue.