

STATE OIL & GAS REGULATORY EXCHANGE

a collaboration of
the Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) and
the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC)

OUR MISSION

To assist states' efforts to continuously improve their oil and gas regulatory programs.

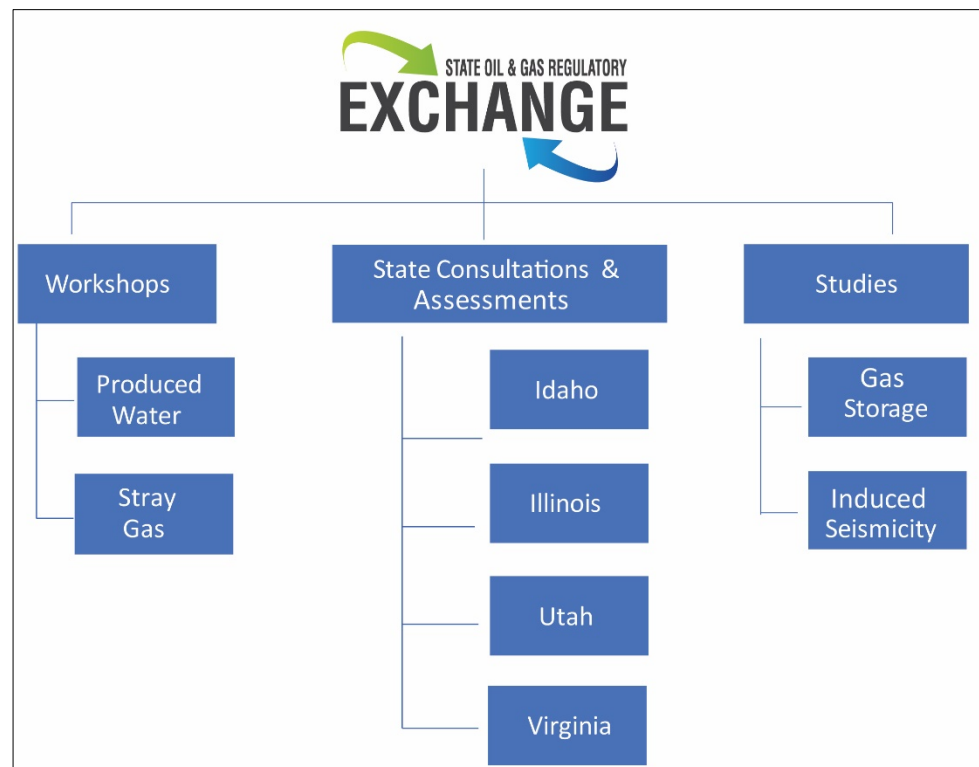
PROVIDED SERVICES

Consultations & Assessments

The Exchange provides evaluations on a broad range of topics depending on the requesting state's needs. The Exchange Team evaluates the appropriateness, effectiveness, and efficiency of existing regulation(s), regulatory initiatives, or overall programs. These efforts allow states to draw on the expertise of their peers and others for input through informal consultations to address emerging challenges, or formal assessments comprised of evaluations of existing practices, rules, or regulations.

Workshops

The Exchange brings together individuals with expertise and diverse backgrounds by hosting workshops to focus on issues that affect multiple agencies.



Studies

The Exchange draws on the expertise of collaborating regulators and other stakeholders to study topics that affect oil and gas regulation.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Consultations & Assessments

The Exchange has worked with numerous state programs and the following consultations and assessments have been completed or are in progress:

Completed:

- Utah
- Virginia
- Idaho
- Illinois

In Progress:

- Colorado
- Arizona

Workshops

- ***Stray Gas Workshop***
The Exchange hosted a technical workshop for regulators, natural gas producers, researchers, emergency responders, and consultants that aimed to improve source assessment, management, environmental impact characterization and the mitigation of stray gas.
- ***Produced Water Workshop***
The Exchange convened thought leaders to examine technological and other barriers to the beneficial reuse of produced water.

Studies

- ***Potential Injection-Induced Seismicity Associated with Oil & Gas Development***
State oil and gas regulatory agencies and geological surveys partnered with the Exchange to create a work group that proactively discussed the association between seismic events occurring in multiple states and injection wells.

The work group, comprised of members of state oil and natural gas agencies and advisory experts from academia, industry, non-profit organizations and federal agencies released a Primer in 2015 to provide a guide to evaluate and develop strategies to mitigate and manage risks of injection induced seismicity. The Primer also outlined how states can provide information to the public in an open and effective manner. In 2017, the workgroup released an updated second edition of the Primer.

- ***Underground Gas Storage Regulatory Considerations***
In March 2016, the Exchange facilitated a work group comprised of multiple states that reviewed collected data to proactively address natural gas storage facilities and state regulations, complement the differing databases to the greatest extent possible, and recognize aging infrastructure concerns.

In May, 2017, the group released a final report: "Underground Gas Storage Regulatory Considerations: A Guide for State Regulatory Agencies."

For more information about the Exchange or to request an assessment or consultation:

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