



## *Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission*

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Date: March 15, 2016

To: All Owners and Operators

From: Mark Watson, State Oil & Gas Supervisor

Re: Accepting Drilling Permits Before a Spacing Hearing

The Wyoming Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (WOGCC) continues to process an average of 500 applications for permit to drill (apd's), even in the current downturn. The WOGCC has a current policy of accepting apd's two (2) months prior to a spacing hearing, but because of an extended deadline for applications for spacing (currently approximately 70 days), the policy is in need of a revision. Therefore, the WOGCC will now accept apd's three (3) months prior to a required spacing hearing. For example, if an operator has a spacing hearing set for May, any apd for that proposed spacing unit will be accepted, but held in abeyance, on February 1 or later. When submitting apd's, please remember to include in box 17 the docket number (if known) or hearing date. The WOGCC has put this policy in place to make a fair and open process for permitting applications for permit to drill.