

FAQs – Legislation & Regulations

There are many different acts that provide safeguards in the oil and gas industry in the province. The various ones, and which departments they fall under are as follows:

Department of Natural Resources

- *Oil and Natural Gas Act*
- *Crown Lands and Forests Act*

Department of Environment

- *Clean Environment Act*
- *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation*
- *Clean Water Act*
- *Clean Air Act*
- *Community Planning Act*

Department of Energy / Energy and Utilities Board

- *Pipeline Act*

Department of Transportation

- *Highway Act*

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- *Occupational Health and Safety Act*
- *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission Act*
- *Workers' Compensation Act*

A variety of provincial approvals and permits are associated with oil and natural gas exploration, development and production operations in New Brunswick. These are administered under the legislative framework mentioned a moment ago and include:

Department of Natural Resources

- geophysical licence and permit approvals
- well licence approvals
- abandonment plan approvals
- suspend and resume drilling approvals
- well reconditioning approvals

- well licence amendment approvals
- private land surface access agreements
- Crown land surface access licence of occupation approvals
- cutting permits and work permits

Department of Environment

- construct and operate approvals
- containment system plan approvals
- waste management plan approvals
- site rehabilitation plan approvals
- environmental impact assessment registrations
- wetland and watercourse alteration permits
- zoning requirements under the *Community Planning Act*

Department of Energy / Energy and Utilities Board

- Pipeline construction permit and operating licence

Department of Transportation

- highway access and use permits
- special move permits

WorkSafe NB

- blasting certification
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