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## **POLICY**

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### **Allowance of Freshwater Frac Pits on State Trust Lands**

Freshwater Frac pits may be allowed on State Trust Lands in so far as their location is acceptable to the Office of State Lands and Investments (OSLI) and a bond is posted with OSLI or the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (OGCC).

OSLI may require a pre-siting meeting if the Frac pit is to be placed outside the drilling pad area. OSLI shall determine if the proposed location is acceptable in terms of topography, sensitive species or vegetation, and probability of success of reclamation after cessation of use of the Frac pit. Should the proposed location not be acceptable, OSLI shall work with the requesting entity to place the Frac pit in an acceptable and workable location.

The Director of OSLI or the Supervisor of OGCC shall determine the level of bonding required per Frac pit in an amount sufficient to protect and indemnify the State of Wyoming from any liability associated with the Frac pit. Bonding shall not be released until such time as OSLI or OGCC has determined that reclamation is sufficient and successful.

OSLI has determined the use of a Frac pit to be temporary in nature and necessary in oil and gas production methods. Therefore, allowance of a Frac pit is permissible as a function of an oil and gas lease and no other permitting is required from OSLI. However, an Application for Permit to Construct and Use Earthen Pit for Temporary Use, or Reserve Pit may be required from OGCC prior to construction.

Authority/Justification

W.S. 36-6-101(b)  
Wyoming Board of Land Commissioners' Rules and Regulations  
Chapter 18

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