

# Indian oil and gas Canada.

**Indian and Northern Affairs - First Nations sue Ottawa for failure to protect oil, gas rights**



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## Royal Assent Given to Legislation Modernizing the Indian Oil and Gas Act

Drawing of a well drilled into a subsurface formation. The IOGC Co-management Board was established in 1996 through a Memorandum of Understanding MOU signed by the IRC and the Hon.

### IOGC Co

IOGC assists the First Nation to reach agreements with companies and also ensures fair returns before IOGC and the First Nation approve the agreement. A company requires written permission from IOGC, in consultation with the First Nation, to abandon a well. But the suit alleges that the agency failed in its stated duty to monitor the wells being drilled around reserves and to require compensation in cases where oil and gas are being drained from beneath the feet of the indigenous people who should have benefited.

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But the statement of claim says IOGC did not generally send out those notices, even when a First Nation asked it to do so. Drilling Wells Prior to drilling a well, a company must: have a subsurface lease; obtain a surface lease; submit a provincial well licence to the First Nation and IOGC; and notify the First Nation and IOGC that it plans to drill the well.

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Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada; and Hon. In the late 1970s, the Indian Minerals unit was split into Indian Minerals East and Indian Minerals West, which were responsible for oil, gas and mineral resources in eastern and western Canada, respectively. These agreements are located on more than 110 reserves across British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

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In 1993, IOGC was affirmed as a special operating agency to increase its client focus. IOGC Co-Management Board, which includes First Nation, industry and Crown members, provides guidance on our strategic direction and operations.

## **Indian Resource Council**

George Mercer Dawson conducts numerous surveys of western Canada and its resources for the International Boundary Commission 1873-1874 and the Geological Survey of Canada 1875-1901. The longer-term vision calls for first Nations to direct and assume full control of IOGC. Discovered by British Petroleum in 1923, the large Wainwright oil field revives hopes for the Alberta oil industry.

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