

MEC-OGC Timeline

- 2012 NC legislature enacted the Clean Energy and Economic Security Act (CEESA)
 - CEESA reconstituted the NC Mining Commission as the Mining and Energy Commission (MEC)
 - CEESA charged the MEC with developing a modern regulatory program for the management of oil and gas E&P
- 2014 NC legislature enacted the NC Energy Modernization Act
 - Specified that in 2015 the MEC would dissolve and,
 - The Mining Commission and the Oil and Gas Commission would be created

MEC-OGC Timeline cont'd

- November 2014
 - MEC finalized writing the regulatory program for oil and gas
- December 2014
 - Rules Review Commission approved the MEC oil and gas rules
 - State legislature approved the rules
- March 2015
 - Governor Pat McCrory signed rules into effect
- 2016
 - General Assembly transferred rules contained in 05H to OGC

Currently Written Geophysical Rules

Subchapter 05H

- **SECTION .1100 – EXPLORATION AND GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS**

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- **15A NCAC 05H .1101 EXPLORATION AND GEOPHYSICAL SURVEYS**
- (a) Any person conducting predrilling exploration activities or geophysical surveys related to oil or gas exploration and development shall act in accordance with 15A NCAC 05C.
- (b) Notification of exploration activities shall be made in accordance with G.S. 113-420(b2).
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- *History Note: Authority G.S. 113-391(a)(1);*
 - *Eff. March 17, 2015.*

Joint Request from Mining Commission and Oil and Gas Commission 15A NCAC 05C .0101 through 15A NCAC 05C .0128

- Mining Commission and Oil and Gas Commission jointly request
 - that the rules under 15A NCAC Subchapter 05C, “Geophysical Exploration” be reassigned from the Mining Commission to the OGC