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Petroleum Exploration & Development in Idaho General Process

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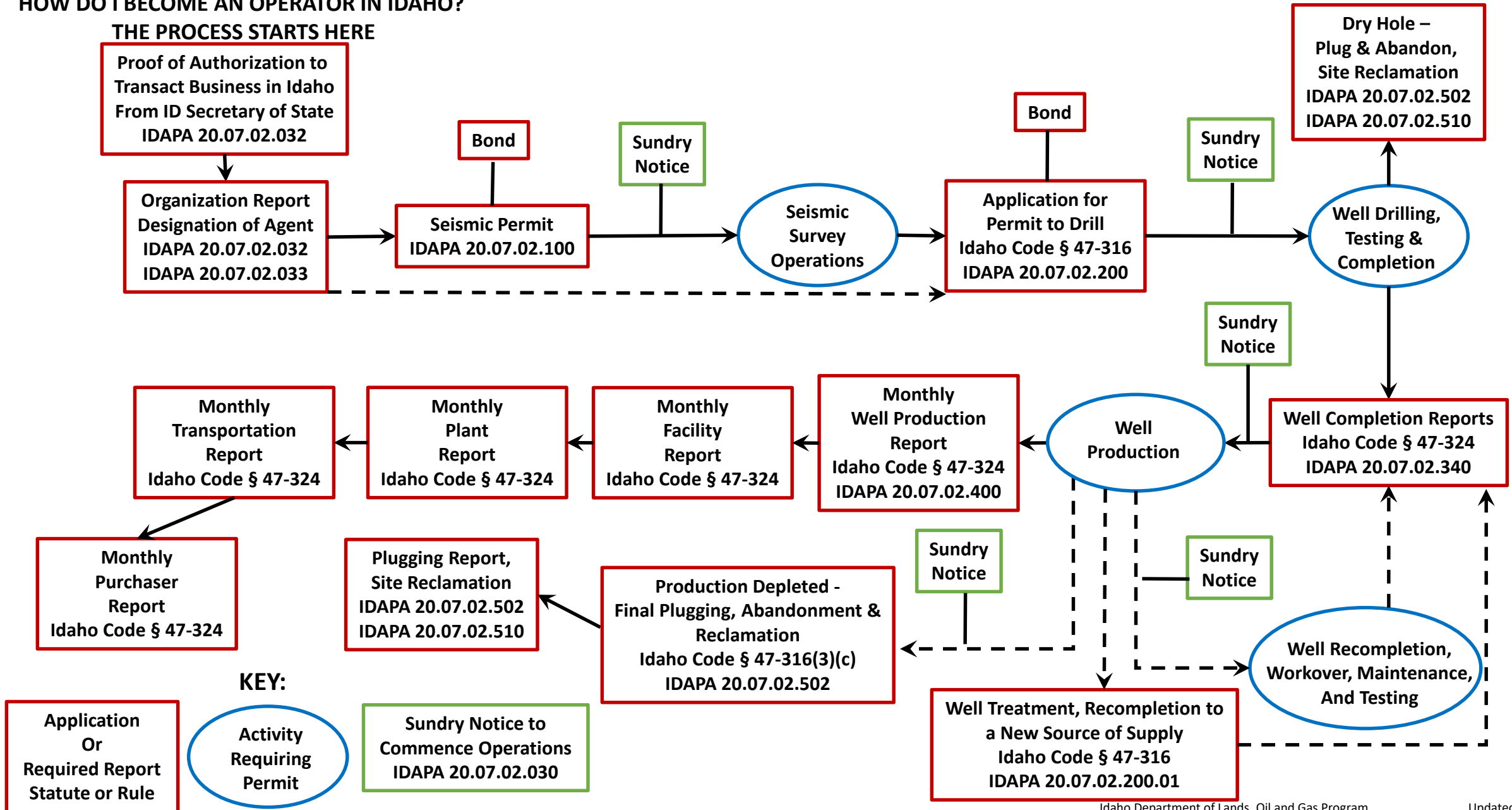
Purpose

This flowchart is designed to show the general framework for an operator to begin hydrocarbon exploration and production in Idaho. It shows many necessary applications, permits, reporting requirements, and the order of steps to obtain them. The guidelines provided may not include every step that may be necessary for an operator's specific circumstances, and a person should review the Oil and Gas Act (Title 47, chapter 3, Idaho Code) and Rules Governing Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas in the state of Idaho (IDAPA 20.07.02) for additional steps that might apply to an operator's situation.

PETROLEUM EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT IN IDAHO – General Process

HOW DO I BECOME AN OPERATOR IN IDAHO?

THE PROCESS STARTS HERE



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