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# Process for Applications to Drill or Treat a Well: Administrative Procedures as per Idaho Code § 47-316

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This guidance document is not a new law. This document is an interpretation of existing law, except as authorized by Idaho Code or incorporated into a contract.

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#### **Purpose**

To provide clear and consistent directions to Operators within the state of Idaho regarding the process for an application to drill or treat a well as per Idaho Code § 47-316. This includes the initial application, as well as the processes followed. These processes comply with existing Idaho law.

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### **Process for Applications to Drill or Treat a Well**

Abbreviations used:

- IDL Idaho Department of Lands
- IDWR Idaho Department of Water Resources
- OGCC Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

#### **START**

- 1. Application submitted with fee. Idaho Code §§ 47-316(1)(a) and 47-316(3)
- 2. IDL will:
  - Deny applications that are grossly incomplete prior to public or interagency review.
  - Or if complete, IDL will:
    - Send application to IDWR. Idaho Code § 47-316(1)(b)
    - Send application electronically to local county or city. Idaho Code § 47-314(9)(a)
    - Post application on the IDL and OGCC website for ten business days for public comment. Idaho Code § 47-316(1)(c)
- 3. IDL receives and evaluates comments and will post comments on IDL website after the comment period is closed.
- 4. IDL approves permit with or without conditions or denies application in a timely and efficient manner. Idaho Code § 47-316 (1)(d)
  - If approved:
    - IDL sends a copy of permit to IDWR. Idaho Code § 47-316(2)

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 IDL will post approved permit on IDL website. Idaho Code § 47-326(1)(c)

#### **FINISH**

# Flowchart for Process for Applications to Drill or Treat a Well

IDL – Idaho Department of LandsIDWR – Idaho Department of Water ResourcesOGCC – Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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