

# PROJECT FACT SHEET

**CONTRACT TITLE:** Environmental Research - Streamline State/Tribal and Federal Regulations

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| <b>ID NUMBER:</b> 95-A06 Task 04  | <b>CONTRACTOR:</b> BDM-Oklahoma   |
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| <b>PROJECT SITE:</b><br><b>CITY:</b> Bartlesville<br><b>CITY:</b><br><b>CITY:</b>                                     | <b>STATE:</b> OK<br><b>STATE:</b><br><b>STATE:</b><br><b>PROGRAM:</b> Environmental-Oil<br><b>RESEARCH AREA:</b>  |

| FUNDING (1000'S)         | DOE        | CONTRACTOR | TOTAL      |
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| PRIOR FISCAL YRS         | 385        | 0          | 385        |
| FISCAL YR 1996           | 458        | 0          | 458        |
| FUTURE FUNDS             | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| <b>TOTAL EST'D FUNDS</b> | <b>843</b> | <b>0</b>   | <b>843</b> |

**OBJECTIVE:** Develop a program with States, Tribes, and Federal agencies that result in more efficient and effective regulatory programs while at the same time reducing undue burdens on the domestic oil industry.

**METRICS/PERFORMANCE:**

**Products developed:** Streamlined regulatory data submission process developed for federal lands awaiting Secretary of Interior Approval.

Marginal Oil Report for 1995 and 1994 issued.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

**Background:** Oil and gas producers face regulatory oversight of their operations by an increasing number of agencies (both Federal and State) and under an increasing number of laws. The growing complexity of the regulatory process increases the cost of oil production, without necessarily improving environmental protection. A unified, streamlined approach to compliance would benefit the industry and results in more cost effective environmental compliance. This type of approach also has the potential for more effective, rational regulations. The feasibility of streamlining regulations that apply to natural gas and oil exploration and production of studies. A collaborative effort should be conducted to streamline the regulatory process while working with State governments at the highest level and with regular communication at the Federal level on oil and gas regulatory processes.

The feasibility of streamlining regulations that apply to natural gas and oil exploration and production in States in needed in other states. Those states with a need for such streamlining and with a willingness to participate should be identified. A collaborative effort to streamline the regulatory process should then be conducted with those states. That collaborative effort should include working with State governments at the highest level and regular communication at the Federal level on oil and gas regulatory processes.

**Work to be performed:** This project will focus on developing a program with States, Tribes, and Federal agencies that results in more efficient and effective regulatory programs while at the same time reducing undue burdens on the domestic oil industry. The projects are intended to facilitate coordination among agencies, improve dialogue between all interested parties, and build partnerships between all parties having a stake in the environmental issues that constrain domestic gas and oil production.

**PROJECT STATUS:**

**Current Work:** Under a three-year subcontract with BDM-Oklahoma, the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) is organizing and leading working groups that represent agencies and offices (State, Federal, Tribal) which regulate gas and oil production on private lands in Wyoming, Colorado, California, and New Mexico and privately held lands in other states as appropriate. The working groups also include representatives from the petroleum exploration and production industry (both majors and independents) as well as appropriate environmental organizations of national stature. The subcontractor is facilitating development of interim and final streamlining plans by the working groups.

The IOGCC held the first two meeting of the public lands Core Working Group (CWG) in Denver and San Diego in December, 1995 and February, 1995 respectively. As of 2-28-95, the IOGCC has submitted three deliverables including a project plan, and an interim streamlining plan.

**Scheduled Milestones:**

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| Interim Streamlining Plan              | 02/95 |
| Annual Technical Progress Report       | 11/95 |
| Regulatory Streamlining Strategic Plan | 05/96 |
| Final Streamlining Plan                | 11/96 |
| Final Technical Report                 | 11/97 |

**Accomplishments:** Marginal Oil 1995 Report issued. Federal streamlining group has developed common forum for E&P activities on federal lands. Forms have been submitted to Secretary of Interior for approval.