

**OIL AND GAS COMMISSION (0440)**  
**Fiscal Year 2016**  
**As Enacted by Act 271 of 2015**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The purpose and mission of the Oil & Gas Commission is to serve the public regarding oil and gas matters, to protect the rights and interests of mineral owners and to regulate oil, gas, and brine production industries to ensure compliance with state and federal laws regarding the protection of the environment and waters of the State. The Commission regulates activities required to produce and allocate oil and gas reserves, including distribution of royalties, assessment of taxes, seismic operations, and data compilation and monitors underground disposal of waste fluids generated by producers.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$8,244,467 in FY2016.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The Commission is funded by Special Revenues from assessments on oil and gas, permit and application fees, and brine taxes.

**II) CHANGE LEVELS**

**(204) Oil & Gas Commission-Operations**

- There is an increase of \$25,000 for FY2016 to cover operating expenses in the Interstate Oil Compact, an amount proportionate to Arkansas' required contribution.
- There is an increase of \$110,000 for FY2016 in Geological Research for the purpose of supporting Arkansas Geological Survey research related to the oil and gas industry.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2016: 44

Total budgeted positions for FY 2015: 44

New positions added (reduced): 0(0)

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 10 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 10)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

The agency may transfer up to \$2,000,000 to the Well Plugging Program upon review of DFA and ALC.

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