

Core Store

National Core Store Information

Background

Companies exploring for oil, gas and minerals in New Zealand are required to submit physical samples of core and cuttings collected during the process of drilling to New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals. This material is held in confidence for a period of up to five years before becoming available for any member of industry or the research community to access and sample.

The New Core Store

New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals have opened a new storage facility in Featherston, Wairarapa in response to capacity constraints replacing the previous Lower Hutt Petroleum Core Store. The 2300m² National Core Store has been equipped with a tailored shelving system suitable for the storage of both petroleum and minerals core as well as fit for purpose viewing facilities. By maximising the utilisation of floor space and stud height the new facility will ensure ongoing capacity for future growth. In addition a project has been initiated to introduce a modern indexing and inventory management system. Enhancements will include an improved level of detail discoverable online in regard to individual samples held.

Click [here](#) for the updated openfile sample listings for petroleum.

Location

The new Core Store is easily reached from Wellington City. It is a 45-60 minute trip by car or a sub-hour trip on the Wairarapa Tranz Metro train line to the Featherston train station, where it is within easy walking distance of the platform.

[Directions to Core Store from Wellington city centre.](#)



Core Store Address Details

Physical Address: 31-41 Birdwood Street, Featherston

[View Larger Map](#)

Visiting the National Core Store

The Core Store can be visited by appointment ONLY. At least 48 hours notice must be given of your intention to visit. Please ensure that you have read the attached guidelines and filled out the access form.

Forms and Guidelines	File Type
Guidelines for Sampling at the Core Store	 17 kB PDF
Sampling/Viewing Access Form	 88 kB XLS

The completed form should be emailed to:

nzpam@med.govt.nz



Submitting Core to the National Core Store

In accordance with the [Crown Minerals Petroleum Regulations 2007](#) Permit Holders must supply well samples within 120 days of completion of drilling.

New Zealand Petroleum & Minerals has minimum weight expectations of 200g per bag for washed and dried cuttings and 500g per bag for unwashed cuttings.

Coal Seam Gas Exemptions

For submission requirements for coal seam gas wells please refer to the attached guidelines.

Forms and Guidelines	PDF
Coal Seam Gas Sample Submission Guidelines	 4 kB PDF
Exemption Form	 8 kB PDF

All samples submitted to the Core Store must be clearly labelled, well boxed and arrive in good condition. Failure to comply with these standards will incur a cost to the client.

Transportation of the core and cuttings to the Core Store is the sole responsibility of the submitting company.

For all samples that are being submitted the sample submission form must be completed.

Sample Submission Form	XLS
Sample Submission Form	 85 kB XLS

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How to submit, view and sample core at the new National Core Store.