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Guide to government management of minerals and coal

In New Zealand the prospecting, exploration and mining of minerals and coal is managed every step of the way. This guide gives an overview of the process to look for and develop Crown-owned minerals and coal, on land or at sea.

Government management of minerals and coal [PDF 100KB] [<http://mbie17.cwp.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/our-industry/factsheets/management-minerals-coal.pdf>]

Government management of petroleum

In New Zealand, the exploration and production of petroleum is managed every step of the way. This guide gives an overview of the process to look for and develop oil and gas on land or at sea, and the regulatory agencies involved at each step. It reflects changes to the wider regime that were put in place in June 2013.

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Producing petroleum and minerals

Mining can be undertaken in a number of different ways and on a variety of scales. This guide looks at how different methods and equipment are needed depending on the resource being mined and its location.

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Offshore seismic surveying

Seismic surveying is a technique used to explore the layers of rock below the seabed for geologic features that indicate the presence of oil or gas. This factsheet explains how government agencies manage offshore seismic surveying activities in New Zealand.

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Seabed mining

Seabed mining is the process of extracting mineral deposits from the ocean floor. This fact sheet explains how government agencies manage offshore seabed mining activities in New Zealand.

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Who does what in New Zealand's offshore waters

Six government agencies, together with 16 regional councils, share the responsibility for managing petroleum and mineral activities in New Zealand's offshore waters. This guide explains how they manage oil, gas and mineral exploration and production in **the waters around New Zealand**.

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Unlawful interference with offshore petroleum and minerals activities

People are free to protest on the water as they are on land – provided they do not interfere with structures or vessels involved in lawful petroleum and minerals activities. This fact sheet explains the provisions and penalties under the Crown Minerals Act 2013.

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Deep sea drilling

Offshore drilling for petroleum in New Zealand began in the 1960s. To date, over 200 offshore wells have been drilled in New Zealand, 10 of which have been in deep water, without any significant incidents. This fact sheet explains how government agencies manage offshore drilling and drilling in deep water in New Zealand.

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Health and safety

Petroleum exploration and production companies operating in New Zealand are required to comply with the Health and Safety at Work (Petroleum Exploration and Extraction) Regulations 2016. These provide for the management of hazards associated with petroleum exploration and extraction activities, and are enforced by WorkSafe.

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Permits and land access



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A petroleum or minerals permit does not give its holder the right to go onto any land. This is different to many international jurisdictions, where the granting of a permit provides a right of access to land.

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Onshore regulatory regime

Multiple government agencies, together with regional and district councils, share the responsibility for regulating onshore petroleum and minerals activities in New Zealand. This guide explains how they manage oil, gas and mineral exploration and development **onshore**.

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Hydraulic fracturing

Hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as 'fracking', makes it possible to extract oil or gas from dense rock. This fact sheet explains how government agencies manage hydraulic fracturing in New Zealand.

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