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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
NOTICE TO OIL AND GAS OPERATORS

Geographic Information System NAD83 Survey Datum Requirement

The OCD is currently updating its geographic information system (GIS). To ensure accuracy and consistency, the updates will require that latitudes and longitudes be submitted with respect to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83) in decimal degree format. OCD forms that require latitude and longitude coordinates have been updated to reflect this new requirement. If you have created your own internal OCD form, please update accordingly.

Effective August 1, 2017, the Oil Conservation Division will no longer accept any other survey datum other than NAD83. Forms requiring Latitude / Longitude will be rejected if NAD83 is not the datum. Please notify your service company as soon as possible of the need for the NAD83 datum.

After August 1, for documents in the works where surveyors have already supplied to you coordinates using NAD27, you may use the converter at the following link to convert to NAD83 prior to submittal to the Division:

<https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/TOOLS/Nadcon/Nadcon.shtml>

Please remember that for submittals to the Division, latitude and longitude should be in decimal degree format with a precision of measurement no less than 5 decimal points.

Sincerely,

DAVID R. CATANACH
Director