

## Geological Survey, Oklahoma

(Constitution, Article 5 § 38, 70 O.S. § 3310, 74 O.S. § 231)

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**History and Function** In 1908, in accordance with the Oklahoma Constitution, the First Legislature created the Oklahoma Geological Survey. It is now supervised by the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents and charged with the responsibility of collecting and disseminating information about the geology, mineral, energy, and water resources of the state.

The Oklahoma Geological Survey studies the state's geology including hydrocarbon and mineral resources, and makes this information available through publications and workshops. The OGS also examines non-fuel minerals, coal and coal bed methane resources, earthquakes in Oklahoma and throughout the world, natural hazards, and other geological issues concerning the state.

The survey conducts a number of mapping programs in Oklahoma, maintains a web site, and presents programs for teachers, scouting groups, rock hound clubs, and other educational and civic organizations. These research and public service programs are conducted from main offices on the Norman campus of the University of Oklahoma. In addition, the OGS maintains a geophysical observatory near Tulsa, a map and publication sales office at the Oklahoma Petroleum Information Center (OPIC) located at 2020 Industrial Boulevard in Norman. The OPIC maintains an extensive collection of petroleum information. The data includes cores, samples, well logs, scout tickets, completion reports, and related data on petroleum activity in Oklahoma. Some petroleum data are available for other states.

## Geographic Names, Oklahoma Board on (70 O.S. § 3310)

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**History and Function** Created in Laws 1965, c.396 § 310, the responsibility to “Act as Oklahoma Board on Geographic Names” was designated to the Oklahoma Geological Survey. The board has the responsibility to cooperate with local, state, and federal agencies to establish, change, and determine the appropriate names of geographic features in Oklahoma. Decisions of the board are forwarded as recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic Names. The Oklahoma Board is a member of the Council of Geographic Name Authorities, a national association of state name authorities that promotes standardization of procedures, cooperation among all agencies, and the sharing of geographic-name information.