Companies or individuals desiring to do seismograph exploration on land owned by the Commissioners of the Land Office (hereinafter referred to as the Commission) must obtain a seismic exploration permit. The permit will be limited to the specific area and method applied for on the application and will be for a term of ninety days from the effective date. Limited extension is available upon written request.

In order to obtain a permit, the following will be required:

1. A completed application (on commission form) for Seismic Exploration Permit. A separate application is required for each county and the applicant’s signature should be attested to before a notary public. Application form will be provided by the Commission upon request.

2. The application fee will be $200.00 for each permit. If the commission owns the surface, the permit application must include surface damages at the going rate per shot hole, per mile, or per acre for 3D. NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED due to permittee’s overestimation of the land to be explored. If the commission owns the minerals and they are under oil and gas lease, permittee must obtain the permission of the oil & gas lessee. If the commission owns the minerals and they are NOT under oil & gas lease, the applicant must request a mineral appraisal from the Minerals Management Division. The appraisal will be made in a timely manner and shall not exceed 10% of the appraised value of an oil & gas lease covering the area to be explored. The amount of this appraisal must be paid before a seismic permit can be issued. Seismic permits are non-exclusive.

3. If the permittee discovers that additional shot holes, mileage, or acres will be required to complete exploration, he must apply for another permit to cover the additional exploration.

RIGHTS OF SURFACE LESSEE:

Surface lessees are entitled to payment by permittee for any damages occurring to crops, wells, and other lessee owned improvements. (Amount should be established before exploration begins.)