



New BC Oil and Gas Commission Core Research Facility

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Effective Aug. 11, 2014 the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) Core Research Facility will be operating out of its new location in the Reid Building at 6534 Airport Road in Fort St. John.

The Core Research Facility is the provincial repository for oil and gas related core and drill cutting samples. This facility provides for an archive and access to inspect and examine petroleum well cores and drill cutting samples. Many groups benefit from access to cores and drill cuttings, including:

- Oil and gas exploration companies
- Academic institutions
- The general public
- Other natural resource oriented groups

As of the effective date, all core and other samples are to be submitted to the new location. All core operations, including exam bookings, core removals, shipping and receiving, will be conducted out of the new location. Of note, there is a two-week minimum notice required for core removals and core examination bookings.

The Core Facility located in the Dave Johnson Building in Charlie Lake will be closed to the public as of Aug. 11, 2014. Since being built in the late 1950s, the Charlie Lake facility has undergone five major expansions, the latest being completed in 2000. Due to high levels of activity in the last decade, this relocation to Fort St. John to increase core storage capacity was required. As of the effective date, core and sample submissions will no longer be accepted at the Charlie Lake location, and Core Facility personnel will be operating out of the new location to assist with any questions.

Public access to the rock samples archived within the Core Research Facility is an important component in the Province's continued commitment to natural resource science and helps to foster continued responsible oil and gas industry development.

Click [here](#) for more information on the Core Research Facility.

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