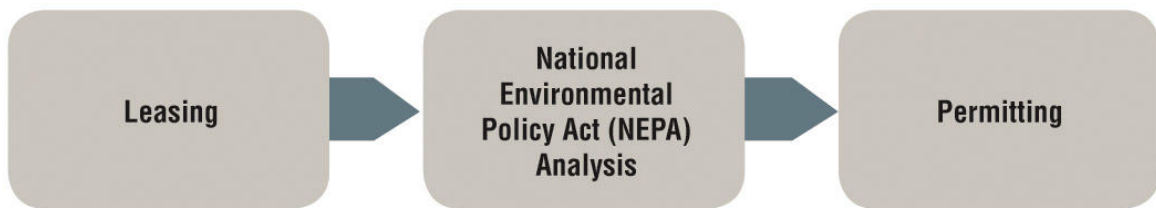


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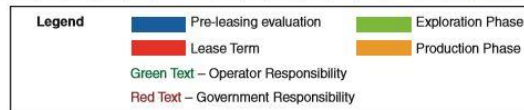
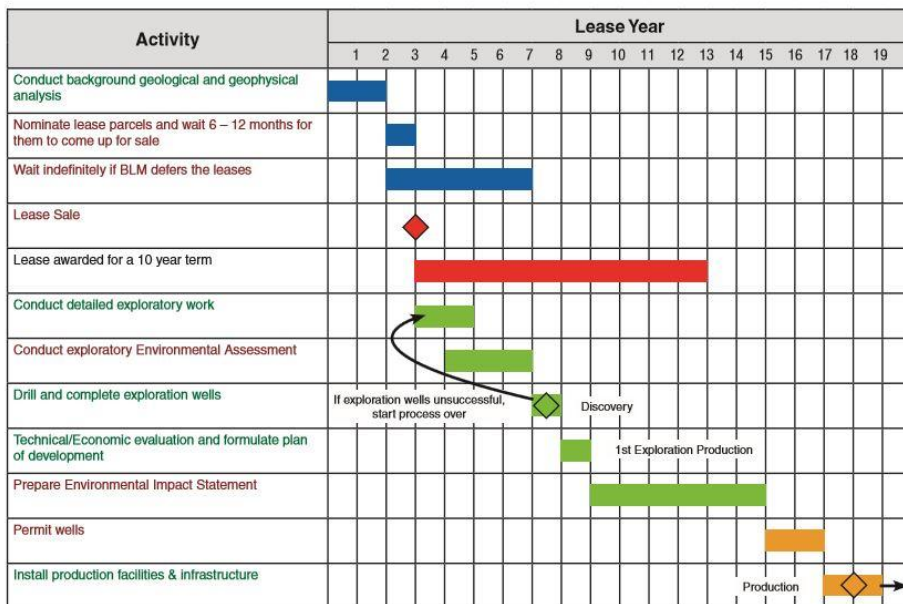
Before a company can begin exploring for or developing oil and natural gas on federal lands, it must complete a lengthy three-step process. It's a challenge to navigate this process, as companies are dependent on the federal government for completing certain key actions and approvals. If America wants to increase energy security and grow the economy, regulatory policies must be realigned to support, not hinder, responsible and timely access to oil and natural gas resources on federal lands.



Only after all three of these lengthy and expensive steps have been taken can a company begin drilling and producing oil and natural gas.

Unlike on private and state lands, the time period from initial prospect to actual production can take many years on federal lands. From leasing to NEPA analysis to permitting, the time to complete the process is unpredictable because lengthy delays can occur at any stage. Click on the buttons below for a discussion of those delays at each of the three main phases. Our Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Process Time Line shows a typical scenario.

Federal Onshore Oil and Gas Process Time Line From Prospect to Production



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