

## User's Guide to the Oil Well Status Reports (W-10's, GO-2's) on Microfilm

## Background information about the microfilm

About the film:

From the 1930's through December 2013, Oil Well Status Reports are found exclusively on Microfilm or Microfiche. In December 2013, W-10's began to be filed online.

W-10's filed online can be located through the Well Status Report Query:

## Well Status Report Query

After December 2013 the vast majority of W-10's were filed electronically, however some W-10's were still submitted on paper. The W-10's submitted on paper were imaged onto microfilm and can be found in the W-10 microfilm images.

The Oil Well Status Report Microfilm contain two different forms. GO-2 was the from designation of the Oil Well Status report from the 1930's through 1974. After 1974, the form designation changed to the familiar W-10.

Film organization:

To locate a specific W-10/GO-2 image, first consult the Oil Well Status report index. The index is divided into districts. Within each district a year or range of years will be associated with each current roll number.

Table of W-10 directory.

Downloadable .xlsx file.

Make note of the Current Roll Number(s) that may contain the image needed.

Navigate to the Microfilm Image profile and enter the entire roll number, which will start with 'W10-'.

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Image organization:

The organization of the images within each roll of microfilm varies depending on the year of Oil Well Status reports filmed.

<u>1930-1966</u>: The images found during this period are nominally organized by District, Year (or group of years), Due Month, Effective Month, Field, Operator, Lease Name, and Well Number.

Large runs of images may be found in reverse order or haphazard adherence to the above sequence. Care must be taken to locate images that may not be in the order they should be. The older the roll of film, the more likely that the order of images is haphazard.

<u>1966-1974</u>: The images are primarily arranged by Year, District, Effective Date, Field Name, Operator Name, and Lease Name.

'Retest' can also be found grouped before regularly scheduled Survey test during this time period.

<u>1974-1982</u>: By 1974, the W-10 has replaced the GO-2. On each roll of film, all normal Survey Test can be found. After the Survey test, any unscheduled test can be found.

The ordering appears to be Effective Date, District, Operator Name, Field Name, Lease Name, Well number.

<u>1982 – present</u>: Images on the film are arranged by Effective Date, District, Operator, Field, Lease Name and Well Number.

LATES: Oil Well Status test submitted late can be found at the end of rolls of film.

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