Exploration Highlights & News

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NEW FIELD DISCOVERIES

County	Field Name	Operator	Lease	S-T-R / Qtr	Type	Pay Zn	API
Ellis	**Joy**	Castle Resources	1 Stackhouse OWWO	13-12s-19W	Oil	LKC	15-051-26332
Ford	**Tilman**	Carmen Schmitt, Inc	1-11 RJ Farms	11-28s-24W	Oil	Marm	15-057-21106
Lane	**Drift Fence South**	Talon Group LLC	34-1 Terwilliger OWWO	34-16s-28W	Oil	Miss	15-101-20717
Pratt	**Blowin Sands**	Thomas Garner	1 Blowin Sands Unit	30-26s-14W	Oil	LKC	15-151-22615
Thomas	**Goldy**	Ritchie Exploration	1 Bradshaw 9D	9-8s-34W	Oil	Marm, Cher, Mrw	15-193-21151

(Dec 18, 2025) - **Talon Group, LLC,** of Hays, Kansas, has successfully re-entered a 4,613 foot deep 1982 dry hole in Lane County and is now producing an undisclosed amount of crude from the Mississippian formation. The #34-1 Terwilliger OWWO, C S/2 N/2 SW in section 34-16S-28W, opens the "Drift Fence South" oil field over one mile northeast of Lansing-Kansas City and Marmaton oil production in the Shields Townsite pool. Closest recognized Mississippian oil production in the area lies nearly five miles to the west in the Terwilliger North pool in section 35-16s-29W. Completion details remains confidential. The new discovery is located almost two miles east of Shields, Kansas. (Ref: API 15-101-20717-0001)

(Dec 4, 2025) - **Carmen Schmitt, Inc.,** based in Great Bend, Kansas, has discovered new oil reserves in the Marmaton Group at the #1-11 RJ Farms site, located in approximately SE NE SW NW of section 11-28s-24W in Ford County This wildcat discovery is producing crude oil from the Pawnee Limestone formation, situated nearly two and a half miles south of recognized Marmaton oil production in the Willroads field. The RJ Farms well was drilled to a total depth of 5,350 feet. Completion details have not yet been released. The new "Tilman" pool lies approximately nine miles west of Ford, Kansas. (ref: API 15-057-21106).

The initial discovery well in the Willroads field, #1 Barngrover, was drilled by Tennessee Gas & Oil in 1960. Located in the SW/4 section 26-27s-24W, it produced nearly 115,415 barrels of oil from the Marmaton Group between 1960 and 1995. The Willroads field also produces natural gas from the Chase, Morrow, and Mississippian formations.

(Nov 20, 2025) - **Ritchie Exploration, Inc.**, of Wichita, Kansas, has discovered new oil reserves in the Marmaton, Cherokee and Morrow formations at the #1 Bradshaw 9D, spotted in approximately SW NE NW SE of section 9-8s-34W in Thomas County. The wildcat well was drilled nearly one mile northeast of Marmaton and Cherokee oil production in the Morgan pool (established in 1995). Rotary total depth is 4,750 feet. Completion details are currently confidential. The new "Goldy" field area is about one mile south and 3 miles west of Colby, Kansas. (ref: API 15-193-21151)

(Nov 20, 2025) - **Castle Resources, Inc.**, of Russell, Kansas, has recovered good shows of oil in the Lansing- Kansas City C zone at a wash down of the #1 Stackhouse OWWO, approximately NW NE NW SW in section 13-12s-19W in Ellis County. The top of the C zone was reached at 3,518 feet, with total depth obtained at 3,852 feet. After acid treatments, the well was swab tested at the rate of 6 barrels of fluid per hour, 80% oil. The operator is currently pump testing the well. The new "Joy" pool opener lies nearly one mile northeast of the Ernie pool (established in 2009, LKC Oil) and is one-quarter mile north of Hyacinth, Kansas. (ref: API 15-051-26332-0001)

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(Nov 13, 2025) - The K**ansas Geological Survey** is celebrating the opening of its newly renovated Watney CORELAB on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence, Kansas. The expansion more than doubles the space dedicated to preserving and storing the state's extensive collection of rock cores maintained by the Kansas Geological Survey. Additionally, it more than doubles the laboratory space available for scientists and engineers to analyze these materials. This celebration marks a significant milestone in the institution's goal of becoming the premier hub for rock core and critical materials analysis in the Midcontinent. The CORELAB is named in honor of the late Lynn Watney, who worked 43 years as an executive Senior Scientific Fellow and was a steward of the state's core collection.

(Nov 13, 2025) - After more than 40 years, **J. FRED HAMBRIGHT, INC,** has moved to a new office at 300 N. Mead St, Suite 109, in the Old Town district in Wichita. The firm provides land, title and energy related services. The new mailing ad-dress is P.O. Box 104, Wichita, Kansas 67201-0104. John F. Hambright IV is President and may be reached at (316) 265-8541.

(Nov 6, 2025) - A **Kansas Geological Society's Nomenclature Committee** meeting was held in Wichita, Kansas on October 29, 2025, whereby, in association with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) and the Kansas Geological Survey, they recognized and named five new oil fields in Kansas. The new field discoveries are based on completed wells reported in September 2025.

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Cheyenne	**Schauer**	Murfin Drilling Company	1-20 Schauer	20-3s-39W	Oil	LKC	15-023-21672
Gove	**Verhoeff West**	M G Oil	1-9 Stephens	9-11s-30W	Oil	LKC	15-063-22474
Kearny	**West Hibbard**	Mull Drilling Company	1-36 Smith	36-21s-38W	Oil	Mrw	15-093-22023
Logan	**Hubert NW**	Murfin Drilling	1-20 Vogler	20-11s-33W	Oil	LKC	15-109-21690
Rawlins	**Bermos West**	Prospect Oil & Gas Corp.	A-2 Deyle	8-1s-36W	Oil	LKC	15-153-21353

(Oct 30, 2025) - **2025 Drilling Contractors, East Kansas** - The top drillers in the Eastern Ranges of the State (1E-25E), based on the total footage drilled to total depth during the first three quarters in 2025, include: **RJ Energy** (117 wells - 106,681 ft), **Colt Energy** (44 wells - 46,510 ft), **C & G Drilling** (12 wells - 36,702 ft), **McGown Drilling** (28 wells - 28,801 ft), **TDR Construction** (25 wells - 20,041 ft), **Thornton Air Rotary** (10 wells - 9,816 ft), **Utah Oil** (13 wells - 9,324 ft), and **Steven A. Leis** (6 wells - 6,902 ft).

(Oct 23, 2025) - **2025 Drilling Contractors, West Kansas** - The top drillers in the Western Ranges of the State (1W-42W), based on the total footage drilled to total depth during the first three quarters in 2025, include: **Duke Drilling Co.** (65 wells - 307,192 ft), **Murfin Drilling Co.** (40 wells - 189,663 ft), **Discovery Drilling** (24 wells - 92,663 ft), **Southwind Drilling** (22 wells - 86,095 ft), **Pickrell Drilling** (19 wells - 83,556 ft), **Sterling Drilling** (17 wells - 79,979 ft), **Fossil Drilling** (10 wells - 45,451 ft), **L D Drilling** (9 wells - 43,740 ft), **Lighthouse Drilling** (6 wells - 30,700 ft), and **STP Drilling** (7 wells - 28,367 ft).

(Oct 16, 2025) - **Mull Drilling Company, Inc.**, of Wichita, Kansas, reports the discovery of new oil reserves from the Morrow Sand formation at the #1-36 Smith wildcat discovery well located in Kearny County, southwestern Kansas. The #1-36 Smith is in approximately NE SW SE NW in section 36-21s-38W, about seventeen miles north and 6 miles east of the town of Kendall, Kansas. The well was drilled to a total depth of 5,190 feet by Lighthouse Drilling tools. Well completion information remains confidential by the operator. The new pool has been named "West Hibbard". (Ref: API 15-093-22023)

Mull Drilling's #1-36 Smith is a remote wildcat located nearly five miles north of the prolific "Patterson" pool, which was discovered by Stanolind Oil & Gas Company (formerly Pan American Petroleum) in September 1941. The pool discovery well, #1 Gates O. Patterson, was completed with a potential 3,964 barrels of oil per day (depthograph), with no water, in the SE/4 of section 23-22s-38W. The well produced 38.4-degree gravity crude from perforations between 4,740 and 4,752 feet. It produced 577,263 barrels of oil from 1941 to 1958 and is still producing today. (Ref: API 15-093-00040)