

News from the **Oklahoma Corporation Commission**

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FIRST FURLOUGH CLOSURE OF CORPORATION COMMISSION OFFICES TOMORROW

(Oklahoma City) All offices of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) will be closed statewide tomorrow (Friday, February 12). Employees will be placed on unpaid furlough on that day because of a budget shortfall.

“Every day people from across the state travel to an OCC office to conduct business, so we are doing all we can to get the word out about our closures,” said OCC Director of Administration Brooks Mitchell. “Unfortunately, our budget situation has forced us to take this action. The decision to close was taken only after the OCC eliminated 8 percent of its work force and implemented \$400,000 in other spending cuts.”

Under the current plan, employees will take unpaid furlough days on February 12, March 19, April 9, April 30, May 14, May 28, June 1, and June 25. All OCC offices will be closed on those days, in order to save an estimated \$100 thousand a day. The plan is subject to change depending on changes in the agency’s funding.

The OCC has offices in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, as well as Oil and Gas Division offices in Bristow, Kingfisher, Duncan, and Ada. The agency’s responsibilities include regulation of oil and natural gas production, remediation of polluted oil and natural gas production sites, trucking, electric and natural gas utilities, telecommunications, gas stations and fuel storage tanks, remediation of sites polluted by leaking fuel tanks, railroads, pipelines, private water companies, and cotton gins,.

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