

## Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Cuttings Sampling Policy

All sampling is at the discretion of the Board staff and will depend on the amount of available material.

No *high-grading* (picking out specific grains) of samples should be done; all samples taken must be representative of the cuttings depth interval. If composite samples are taken, indicate the interval composited on the sample description sheet.

Staff has the right to verify the amount of sample collected. If it is found that sampling protocols are not being followed, the customer will be required to correct the sample size of those samples out of compliance, and may lose sampling privileges.

It is expected that results will be received (data, thin sections or photomicrographs, geochemistry, etc.) for each sample taken, except in the case of composited samples as discussed above. All material removed must be listed on the attached sheet(s).

Prior to removing samples from the Board's office, a completed sampling form (see attached pages) and this identification sheet must be signed by the individual taking the samples. The name, business address, e-mail address, telephone number, and date must be legibly written on the form, along with a contact name and address for the individual or company requesting the samples, if different.

**It is understood that all results must be sent to the Board within 6 months of sampling.**

To be filled in by person taking the samples:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for individual or company requesting the samples (if different than the above contact):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Return results to:

Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, 2535 St. Johns Avenue, Billings, MT 59102

