



PROJECT UPDATE - NORTHSTAR CENTER, WILLISTON

*Northstar Center
Williston, ND*



Jan 05, 2015 - Equipment Maintenance / Equipment Staging Area

Update Highlights...

1. *A mild winter in North Dakota*
2. *Piping and Ground works – A Pictorial Report*
3. *Current Headlines in North Dakota*



1. A mild winter in North Dakota

The frost this winter is not as harsh as before. As such, the grounds did not freeze as deep as it usually does. The good thing about that is that work could continue on site well into winter.



Jan 02 – 11th Ave. Backfill/Compaction Sanitary run between manholes



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Jan 02 – 11th Ave.
Sanitary Crew installing PVC and manhole



Jan 03 – 11th Ave. Sanitary Sewer Run



Jan 05 – 11th Ave. Installation of manhole



Jan 05 – 11th Ave. Sanitary Crew installing manhole



Jan 10 – 11th Ave. Cutting/Trenching for Sanitary PVC
installation west of "A" Drive.



Jan 10 – 11th Ave.
Rolling/Compacting backfill Between manholes



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Jan 12 – Overlot Grading Parcel 2



Jan 12 - Overlot Grading Parcel 1



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Jan 12 - 11th Ave. Sanitary Crew Trenching for PVC run west down "A" drive (south), and "B" drive



Jan 12 - 11th Ave. compacted backfill Sanitary PVC west from manhole at "A" drive (north)



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Jan 13 - Crew trenching for install of Sanitary Sewer run on 11th Ave. @ Energy Blvd.



Jan 15 - 11th Ave. Crew installing 36" RCP south towards manhole



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Jan 15 - 11th Ave. Storm Crew installing 36" RCP South from one of the manholes



Jan 17 - 11th Ave. Compacted Backfill around a manhole



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Jan 19 - 11th Ave. 36" RCP run north



Jan 19 - 11th Ave. / Energy Blvd. Crew setting mortar at connect.



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Jan 26 - Pond 2 manhole location, and 72" RCP workers installing mortar



Jan 27 - 11th Ave. workers prepping for installation of 8" PVC Water



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Jan 28 - Overlot Grading on Parcel 2



Jan 29 - Pond Crew adding lift to structure manhole



3. Current Headlines in North Dakota

North Dakota may lose \$5.5B in revenue as oil plunges

By Rob Port | Watchdog North Dakota Bureau | January 30, 2015

BISMARCK, N.D. — North Dakota lawmakers are now expecting billions less in tax revenue during the next two and a half years.

Blame falling oil prices.

A report from Legislative Council downgrading revenue projections by \$5.5 billion points mostly to the impact of oil tax exemptions the Legislature previously failed to reform.

During the 2013 legislative session multiple bills to eliminate the exemptions in exchange for lower top rates were rejected. Now plunging oil prices are expected to invoke those triggers causing a multi-billion swing in the state's expected revenues.

In early January, lawmakers began their 2015 session under what was described as a "black cloud" of oil price concerns. Now a projection released by lawmakers Thursday expects the state to lose \$680 million in income and sales tax revenue between now and June 30, 2017.

North Dakota likely will lose another \$4.8 billion in oil and gas tax revenue during that same period.



Photo courtesy of ND.gov

REVENUES DOWN: In December Gov. Jack Dalrymple said North Dakota "doesn't run on oil revenue."

Prior to these changes in projections, Gov. Jack Dalrymple had urged optimism about falling oil prices.

"We don't run the state on oil revenue," the governor told the editorial board of the Williston Herald in December, noting that oil tax revenue in the general fund is capped at \$300 million per biennium, with the excess going into various special funds.

The adjusted revenue projections represent just 9.4 percent of general fund spending proposed in Dalrymple's executive budget for the 2015-2017 biennium, but a third of that budget's spending comes from the state's special funds.

The projections see a 51 percent decrease in special fund revenues, from \$8.32 billion projected in December to just over \$4 billion.

Most adjustments come because of the expected impact of the state's two oil tax triggers.

Source: <http://watchdog.org/196379/oil-prices-2>



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Oil boomtown: 'We could see 20,000 layoffs by June'

By Steve Hargreaves @hargreavesCNN | Williston, N.D. (CNNMoney) | January 22, 2015

Oil prices have been sinking for months. And while that's good news for most Americans, what happens to towns like Williston, N.D., that have built an entire economy around the oil industry?

The drop in crude prices, while beneficial for drivers, has already cost thousands of oil jobs. Schlumberger (SLB) was among several companies to take a hit, laying off 9,000 people last week.

Arthaud, a North Dakota native who's been active in the state's oil industry since the late 1970s, said he isn't particularly concerned for his company, which employs some 2,000 people repairing oil field equipment, increasing the oil flow at wells, and trucking oil out of the fields to nearby rail hubs.

He's been through this several times before, and instead of laying people off, he plans on using the downturn to hire employees away from other firms that aren't as prepared to deal with it.

In neighboring Watford City, Mayor Brent Sanford used a personal example to illustrate the growth: When his daughter was born in 2000, there were three other babies born in the county that year. Now there are 90 kids in her class.

"Half the students are living in RVs," said Sanford, speaking to the acute shortage of housing that still plagues the area. "It's inhumane."



Some residents are concerned about paying for these things if the oil boom goes bust, but most of the people in town aren't too worried.

"I hear about people getting laid off, but there are still so many people everywhere," said Josslyn Dodds, owner of a local pharmacy. "There are so many people who have made this place their home."

Sanford noted that there are still thousands of job openings that need to be filled.

Back in Williston, sales at the town's big work supply store are actually up over last year.

Mayor Howard Klug said the city is looking at refining, tourism or returning to its agricultural roots if the oil boom dries up. But he doesn't see that happening.

"I'm not worried, because it's going to come back," said Klug.

For full story: <http://money.cnn.com/2015/01/22/news/economy/oil-boomtown-layoffs>

Low oil prices chill a once-hot oil town in North Dakota

By Jared Gilmour, Staff writer JANUARY 24, 2015

Oil production is costly in Crosby because it sits on the very fringe of North Dakota's oil-rich Bakken region. The Bakken is essentially a bowl beneath North Dakota's northwestern quadrant with more oil concentrated in the center where the bowl is deepest. Crosby is perched on the frigid northern rim, a few miles from Canada.

Being at the rim means less oil.

"We're on the edge, and that won't be to our advantage if oil prices continue to go down," says Bert Anderson, Crosby's affable mayor for most of the past 30 years.

In the Bakken, falling oil prices mean producers retreat to safer areas, like the counties at the epicenter of the Bakken boom: "places like McKenzie County and Dunn County, where break-even prices are \$30 and \$29, respectively," says Alison Ritter, a spokeswoman for the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources.

For full story: <http://www.csmonitor.com/USA/2015/0124/Low-oil-prices-chill-a-once-hot-oil-town-in-North-Dakota>