



Alaska Tax Credit Seismic Data

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q: What is the process to obtain Alaska tax credit seismic data?
- A: Please use the DGGs [online data request form](#) or [contact GMC staff](#). GMC staff will review your request information, contact you to determine your discount status, and finalize the request process.
- Q: Does filling out the web request form obligate myself or my company/agency/university to any liabilities or payments?
- A: No. Submitting the form does not obligate you to any liabilities or payments.
- Q: What is the cost associated with receiving these datasets?
- A: Please use the DGGs [online data request form](#) or [contact GMC staff](#) for the most recent data prices. Qualifying research, educational, or government institutions may receive the data at no cost.
- Q: Are there terms and conditions or disclaimers that accompany the data?
- A: Yes. Please see our [seismic data terms and conditions](#) (PDF). The requestor of the tax credit seismic data must read and agree to these terms and conditions before receiving the data.
- Q: What are the methods of payment?
- A: Credit card, check, or wire transfer.
- Q: Do I need to provide a hard drive to GMC staff to receive the data?
- A: Hard drive and shipping costs are included with any seismic data purchase. Qualifying institutions that receive the data at no cost must still provide or pay for a portable USB 3.0 hard drive for data delivery. Use the dataset volume sizes shown on the data request form to help select an appropriately sized hard drive to store the data.
- Q: What are the methods of shipping for institutions that receive the data at no cost?
- A: Once GMC staff confirms your data request and you will be receiving the data at no cost, ship or mail a portable USB 3.0 hard drive in its **original, unopened packaging** and include or email a pre-paid, return shipping label to the GMC (address below). GMC staff will then use the pre-paid, return shipping label to mail you the data on the hard drive. Please use USPS, FedEx, or UPS for your pre-paid return shipping label.

Q: How do I demonstrate that I represent a government, academic, or educational institution that qualifies to receive the data at no cost?

A: GMC staff will contact you to determine your affiliation and whether or not you qualify to receive the data at no cost. If you wish to obtain the data with the intent that it be used for educational, academic, or government research in a thesis, dissertation, peer-reviewed journal article or report, or public presentation or poster, you will likely qualify to receive the data at no cost. Research **does not** include research performed with the intent to withhold the research from the public as proprietary information or a trade secret.

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question about payment or distribution of the data?

A: The staff at the Geologic Materials Center (address below):

Phone: 907-696-0079

Email: kurt.johnson@alaska.gov or jean.riordan@alaska.gov

Q: Who do I contact if I have a technical question about the content or quality of the data?

A: The staff at the Division of Oil & Gas:

Email: DOG.TcData@alaska.gov

Q: Are other maps or shape files of the Alaska tax credit seismic surveys available?

A: Yes. An interactive web-map of the available data is located at the top of the DGGs [online data request form](#). You may also download a [Map of Tax Credit Seismic Surveys for Public Release, North Slope](#) (PDF) and a [Map of Tax Credit Seismic Surveys for Public Release, Cook Inlet](#) (PDF). There are no available shape files at this time.

Q: Can I review a summation of the seismic survey before I request the dataset?

A: Yes. Use the interactive web-map at the top of the DGGs online data request form to select the appropriate survey. Then scroll down the popup balloon to the “More Information” link to view a summary sheet for that seismic survey.

Q: Can only registered Alaska or U.S. companies purchase the data?

A: A non-Alaska or U.S. company can purchase the data.

Q: Who owns the seismic data after the public release? Do they become the property of the State?

A: No, the data is still the property of the company who received the tax credit, the state releases the copy of the information it received from the company.

- Q: Do the original owners of the data still have the right to disclose/distribute the data to third parties without consent from the State of Alaska?
- A: Yes. How the state releases this data does not change the ability of the original owner to use or distribute the data.
- Q: Does acquiring the data from the State of Alaska provide the recipient with unrestricted use?
- A: Please see our [seismic data terms and conditions](#) (PDF).
- Q: How is the data organized and what do I get when I receive the data?
- A: The data available at the Alaska GMC for public release include up to three directories for each survey, titled "Poststack," "Prestack," and "Support." Please see our [Tax Credit Seismic Data Summary](#) page for more information.

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