

# STATE REVIEW OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS, INC. (STRONGER)

## APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

State Review of Oil and Natural Gas Environmental Regulations , Inc. (STRONGER) is a non-profit corporation established to educate regulators and members of the public as to the appropriate elements of state oil and gas environmental regulatory programs. STRONGER administers the State Review Process, an open, multiple stakeholder process that reviews state oil and gas regulatory programs against national guidelines and makes recommendations for program improvements. STRONGER is governed by a nine-member Board of Directors with representation from the three participating stakeholder groups: state regulators, oil and gas industry representatives, and public interest representatives. Non-voting representatives of federal government agencies and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission also sit on the Board.

STRONGER seeks interested individuals, groups, businesses, institutions, and governmental agencies to join STRONGER as Associate Members. The purposes of having Associate Members of STRONGER are:

- \* To generate a wider awareness of STRONGER and its activities;
- \* To generate a wider base of potential participants in reviews;
- \* To obtain willing volunteers for working committees;
- \* To establish a means of dialog between the STRONGER Board and the concerned citizens, businesses, and organizations.
- \* To obtain informed input from all segments of society that have legitimate interests in the environmental management of oil and gas exploration and production activities; and
- \* To increase the effectiveness of STRONGER in its mission to improve the environment through better management of the oil and gas industry.

### Associate Members

For convenience in maintaining communications, an Associate Member in STRONGER will be assigned to one of four categories: 1) the petroleum industry and related industries; 2) regulatory agencies; 3) individuals, environmental organizations and their advisors; and 4) governmental offices and financial sponsors of STRONGER and/or their employees, who may become associate members if they do not already have *ex officio* positions on the STRONGER board of directors. Individual Board members are expected to interact or converse with Associate Members, according to the category of the Associate, to draw from the collective experiences and thoughts of Associates in formulating STRONGER policy. Industry members of the Board will lead in maintaining contact with industry Associates; public interest members will lead in maintaining contact with environmental associates; and regulatory members with regulatory agencies and their representatives. The STRONGER Vice-chairperson will lead in maintaining contact with governmental offices and financial sponsors. An Associate Member may request to be assigned to a particular category; for example, an

employee of a regulatory agency might request to be assigned as an individual associate member.

Examples of Associate Members are:

- Trade groups;
- State or local oil & gas associations;
- Employees of regulatory agencies;
- Citizens' groups, legal offices, or interested individuals;
- Service companies;
- Producers;
- Persons employed in petroleum exploration and production;
- Land owners and lessees;
- Representatives of governmental agencies that manage resources.

### Privileges of Associate Membership

Associate members may:

- \* Receive news of upcoming and completed reviews;
- \* Submit suggestions to the STRONGER Board at any time;
- \* Be invited to participate in drafting documents when STRONGER revises its activities or its Guidelines;
- \* Participate in working committees of STRONGER that develop revised procedures and guidelines, that plan events, that propose new or revised activities for STRONGER, and that, in practice, prepare most actions for approval by the Board;
- \* Suggest candidates for reviewers or official observers on review teams;
- \* Attend an annual Board meeting with open time to meet informally with Board members and STRONGER personnel;
- \* Suggest candidates for open positions on the Board of Directors as terms expire.

Associate Members will be placed on the STRONGER mailing list and will receive quarterly newsletters STRONGER activities. The STRONGER Staff Director will maintain a list of Associate Members; notify them of significant events; invite their participation in workgroups, review teams and other impending significant actions as appropriate; and assure that all Associates receive the benefits of their membership

### Responsibilities of Associate Membership

Associate members shall:

- \* Pay an annual dues of \$10.00 to defray administrative costs.
- \* Participate in at least one STRONGER activity each year. That activity may be a submission of suggestions; participating in a review; attending the annual meeting for associates; or other direct interaction with the STRONGER board, a committee, or the administration.

## Communications and privacy

Communications from STRONGER to Associate Members will usually be via e-mail unless practicality requires otherwise. Associate Members may provide input to STRONGER by telephone, fax, email, postal mail, or individual contact with Board members. STRONGER will not publish its membership list or knowingly release its membership list to anyone for commercial purposes.

## How to apply for Associate Membership

Any individual or organization may apply for associate membership by sending a letter to the STRONGER Staff Director at:

STRONGER. Inc.  
145 South 400 East  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Or an e-mail to:

[jcarter@bearwest.com](mailto:jcarter@bearwest.com)

The letter or e-mail should include a statement or other documentary evidence of the applicant's interest and/or experience in the environmental management of oil and gas exploration and production, together with the applicant's name, contact person (if the applicant is an organization), email address, postal address, telephone number, and fax number (if any). One years' dues shall be enclosed with the application, unless the applicant is a financial sponsor of STRONGER.

An applicant may also apply on-line at STRONGER's website located at [www.strongerinc.org](http://www.strongerinc.org).