

## The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology Core Research Centers (Geologic Sample Repositories): Geologic Materials Sampling Policy

One of the missions of BEG Core Research Centers is to foster geoscience research by providing access to irreplaceable geologic samples. As curator of these materials, BEG must also preserve enough archive of the material for future examination. In order to be able to meet both of these ideals, the following sampling policy is provided for all clients.

BEG allows sampling of both cores and cuttings; however, all sampling must be approved by BEG.

- Clients must fill out the [Sampling Contract](#) and have it approved by either CRC staff or a BEG researcher. By signing the sampling contract form, clients acknowledge, and agree to adhere to, the policy that states that copies of all analyses performed on the samples must be provided to BEG within 9 months of sampling date. This includes, but is not limited to, geochemical analyses, thin sections and petrographic reports, and core analyses (porosity, permeability, etc.). Upon formal written request to the Bureau, analyses may be withheld from the public for 12 months from the sampling date.
- Note that if samples taken are used to make thin sections, the actual thin sections must be sent to the BEG.
- All unused rock material must also be returned to BEG within 9 months of sampling date.
- If results of analyses performed on BEG samples are published, the BEG Core Research Centers must be referenced as the source of the geologic material used in the analyses.
- Size and/or weight of the sample allowed will be determined by BEG staff. Sampling of cores must be performed by either BEG staff or by a BEG- approved commercial lab, and sampling of cuttings may be performed by clients with BEG approval.
- If clients do not adhere to the BEG sampling policy, they will be restricted from examining and sampling other material at any BEG sample repositories in the future.
- If clients subsequently request excessive numbers of samples from other wells during the initial 9-month period before any analyses from the original samples are returned, the number of samples allowed may be limited until the initial analyses and reports are provided to BEG.