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NEW ERCB Directive 076

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) announces the release of Directive 076: Operator Declaration Regarding Measurement and Reporting Requirements, with an effective date of January 4, 2010.

This directive sets out the new requirements of the Enhanced Production Audit Program (EPAP), whereby operators are to declare the degree to which they have infrastructure in place to ensure compliance with ERCB measurement and reporting requirements. It does not include requirements on how the volumes are to be measured or reported to the ERCB; these requirements are described in other directives, principally Directive 007: Volumetric and Infrastructure Requirements and Directive 017: Measurement Requirements for Upstream Oil and Gas Operations.

Directive 076 applies to all operators subject to ERCB measurement and reporting requirements and reporting to the Petroleum Registry of Alberta. It pertains to conventional oil, heavy oil, crude bitumen, and natural gas facilities. It does not apply to mineable oil sands. This directive and EPAP were developed and refined with extensive input from operators, with over 100 suggestions coming from a stakeholder committee and the public consultation process.

The ERCB will allow a one-year phase-in period (2010), during which the new requirements will not be enforced. This period will allow operators and ERCB staff to prepare for the first declaration period associated with the new requirements. The ERCB expects operators to take the necessary steps to comply with the new requirements during this time.

The ERCB will continue to enforce all other ERCB measurement and reporting requirements during the phase-in period.

Directive 076 is available on the ERCB Web site at www.ercb.ca under **Industry Zone: Rules, Regulations, and Requirements: Directives.**

Any inquiries regarding this bulletin or Directive 076 should be directed to Colby Ruff, Production Operations Section Leader, Field Surveillance and Operations Branch, by telephone at 403-297-4544 or by e-mail at Colby.Ruff@ercb.ca.

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**ASRD-ELECTRONIC
ISSUANCE OF LOA'S**

Please be advised that starting January 1, 2010, all applications and amendments for 2010 MSL, LOC, PLA and PIL will be stored in an electronic format. As a result, the Letter of Authority will be emailed instead of faxed for these activities. The Letter of Authority will be sent to the email address noted on the application or amendment form submitted.

The department is undertaking the task of converting hardcopy files into a digital format. As a result approvals for older surface activities may be emailed or faxed depending on the storage medium.

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SPECIAL AREAS ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROGRAM

The Special Areas Environmental Review Program was implemented on January 1, 2010. All industrial and commercial activities that disturb land administered by the Special Areas Board will be required to conduct an Environmental Review prior to construction. The Environmental Review will consist of a site specific assessment and related information searches to compile a comprehensive overview of the environmental conditions at proposed development locations. Any applications that do not have a complete Environmental Review will not be accepted.

Special Areas is currently working to allow the Environmental Review Form to be submitted electronically but for now the report will need to be filled out manually and included with the application.

Please refer to the Special Areas website at www.specialareas.ab.ca for further information along with final versions of documents related to the program. Contact Britt Land to coordinate the acquisition of your projects on Special Areas land, including completion of the new Environmental Review.

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY CROWN SALES

Reminder, January Crown Sale dates are:

Wednesday Jan. 13th – Alberta
Wednesday Jan. 20th – B.C.
Wednesday Jan. 27th – Alberta

Please be aware there are no crown sale dates for Saskatchewan in January.

Reminder, February Crown Sale dates are:

Monday Feb. 8th – Saskatchewan
Wednesday Feb. 10th – Alberta
Wednesday Feb. 24th – B.C.

For further information or to place a bid please contact Melissa Bobb or Brittney Ramsay at 403.266.5746. For links to crown sale postings, notices, and sale results, please visit our Website: www.brittland.com

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THE BRITT LAND SERVICES 2010 CROWN SALE CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

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