Title:	Extension to an Exploration Approval
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Background

Section 33(3) of the *Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006)*, provides for extending the terms of an exploration approval. This alleviates the need for the program licensee as defined in Section 1(ee) of the *Exploration Regulation* to resubmit an application for approval, and allows the existing program to continue without disruption.

Requirements

The term of an exploration approval may be extended if the program licensee or a person authorized by the program licensee makes a written request to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). An extension to an exploration approval must be approved by the AER and the AER will review and make adjustments for seasonal operating conditions.

Procedure

To request an extension to an exploration approval, the program licensee or a person authorized by the program licensee must make a written request to the AER at the address listed under contact information.

The request for an extension to the terms of a previously issued exploration approval will result in a review of the geophysical field report form (if public lands are involved) and also the conditions of the previous exploration approval.

If the geophysical field report form or the conditions of the exploration approval are no longer applicable, they will be modified accordingly through amending the geophysical field report form and issuing an amendment to the exploration approval.

The program licensee or a person authorized by the program licensee will receive written confirmation from the AER stating whether their request for an extension to the terms of the exploration approval has been approved or rejected. If the request is granted and there are changes or additions to the operating

conditions, these will be attached to the written confirmation as an amendment to the exploration approval.

Other

There are no fees associated with a request for an extension to the terms of an exploration approval.

Enforcement/Compliance

Enforcement policy and procedures are currently under review and this directive will be updated accordingly.

Contact Information

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Authorities Mines and Minerals Act (Part 8) and Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006)

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