

Office of the Minister Government House Leader MLA, Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

M.O. 15/2020

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council made Order in Council 080/2020 under section 52.1(1) of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) on March 17, 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency in Alberta due to pandemic COVID-19 and the significant likelihood of pandemic influenza;

WHEREAS Order in Council 080/2020 has effect for 90 days following March 17, 2020 under section 52.8(1)(a) of the PHA;

WHEREAS section 52.1(3) of the PHA authorizes the Minister of Environment and Parks, responsible for the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation (TIERR) (Minister), to make an order without consultation, to suspend or modify the application or operation of all or part of an enactment, subject to the terms and conditions the Minister prescribes, if the Minister is satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the enactment is not in the public interest; and

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the TIERR is not in the public interest because the Government of Alberta and the Chief Medical Officer of Health have made recommendations and taken steps under the *Public Health Act* to lessen the impact of the public health emergency, and these measures may create challenges for some regulated facilities under the TIERR to submit compliance reports and emissions reduction plan reports on time; and

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the TIERR is not in the public interest because regulated facilities should not be subject to potential compliance or enforcement action for being unable to meet imminent TIERR deadlines because of circumstances beyond their control caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

THEREFORE, I, Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the *Public Health Act*, do hereby order that:

1. The operation of section 36(8) of the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation is modified by changing the deadline to submit compliance reports for 2019 from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

2. The operation of section 36(9) of the Technology Innovation and Emissions Reduction Regulation is modified by changing the deadline to submit emissions reduction plan reports for 2019 from March 31, 2020 to June 30, 2020.

This Order lapses, unless it is sooner continued by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(3) of the PHA, at the earliest of the following:

- (a) August 14, 2020;
- (b) 60 days after Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, if Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated before June 15, 2020;
- (c) when this Order is terminated by the Minister under section 52.811(2) of the PHA because the Minister is satisfied that this Order is no longer in the public interest; or
- (d) when this Order is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(1)(c) of the PHA.

DATED at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta this

\_\_ day of March, 2020.

Jason Nixon Minister