

EAPFR Audit Fact Sheet

Expedited Authorizations Process for Flood Recovery (EAPFR)

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development - South Saskatchewan Region

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) manages the authorization process for activities in and near water bodies, including erosion control, bank stabilization, stream crossings, and the construction of flood mitigation structures. To help Albertans rebuild after the 2013 flood, ESRD has developed an Expedited Approval Process for Flood Recovery (EAPFR) under the *Water Act* and *Public Lands Act*. As part of continuous improvement to the process, an audit was created to review and inspect flood recovery activities that were authorized under the EAPFR. The EAPFR Audit helps ESRD measure the performance of authorizations issued under the expedited process, ensuring the environment is protected and authorization processes are continually updated and improved. The audit is also intended to ensure that authorization holders have their authorization documents at the site of the activity and are following the terms and conditions as required.

What activities will be audited?

All flood recovery activities authorized under the EAPFR may be subject to an audit. Audits are prioritized towards higher risk activities, and environmentally sensitive locations and time periods. Sites with active construction will also be high priority, but completed projects will also be audited to ensure performance.

Note: The terms and conditions of *Water Act* approvals issued under the EAPFR may require that the approval holder contact ESRD within a specified period of time prior to commencement of flood recovery work.

What will be reviewed during the audit?

For the audit, works authorized by ESRD will be reviewed using key performance indicators (KPI) to ensure the conditions of the approval have been complied with. KPIs are a set of quantifiable parameters that ESRD uses to measure, compare, and track performance of EAPFR authorizations. These indicators are based on common parameters typically associated with activities authorized under the *Water Act* and the *Public Lands Act*, which include aquatic and terrestrial considerations for fisheries and wildlife resources and habitats.

What happens if the performance of my activities is poor?

Audits are conducted by ESRD Environmental Protection Officers. These auditors will work with authorization holders, where appropriate, to address audit performance issues and achieve better overall environmental outcomes through education and prevention. Where poor performance is such that the authorization holder may be in non-compliance with the *Water Act*, *Public Lands Act* or other legislation managed by ESRD, the section below applies.

What happens if my activities are in non-compliance with the *Water Act*, *Public Lands Act* or other legislation managed by ESRD?

Authorization holders must comply with all of the terms and conditions of their *Water Act* and *Public Lands Act* authorizations, and any applicable general provisions of these Acts and associated regulations. *Incidence of non-compliance must be immediately reported to ESRD's 24-hour response line at 1-800-222-6514.* Where incidents of non-compliance associated with EAPFR projects are determined through an audit inspection, complaint or other source, ESRD will respond under our established compliance assurance procedures.

Website and Contact Information

[EAPFR Website](#)

Flood Information Line: 403-310-4455. Toll free: 310-0000.

24-hour Energy and Environmental Response Line: 1-800-222-6514

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