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## **Background**

The program licensee, program permittee as defined in sections 1(ee) and 1(ff) of the *Exploration Regulation* and their subcontractor are each required to display their license number, permit number, or their unique identification number, as described in Section 41 of the *Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006)*.

# Requirements

Exploration equipment and vehicles used on a more-or-less continuous basis for an activity related to an exploration program, must clearly display the appropriate identification number. The requirements for displaying identification numbers and the method of applying for a unique identification number are outlined under "Procedure".

#### **Procedure**

#### **Display of License Number**

The program supervisor for the program licensee who owns or has leased the unit(s) or vehicle(s) used in connection with the exploration program, or under whose authority the unit(s) or vehicle(s) is being used for the exploration program on a regular or continuous basis, **must display the license number** of the program licensee as described below:

- The words "LIC. NO.", followed by the license number of the program licensee.
- The words "LIC. NO." and the actual number must be at least 10 cm high and located on both sides of the unit or vehicle.

#### **Display of a Permit Number**

The program permittee, who owns or has leased the exploration equipment (excluding quads) that is being used in connection with the exploration program, **must display their permit number** as described below.

A permittee who owns or has leased the exploration equipment (excluding quads) that is being used in connection with the exploration program and being operated under the authority of the program permittee, **must display** either the program permittee's permit number or their own permit number as described below:

- The words "PERMIT NO." followed by the permit number.
- The words "PERMIT NO." and the actual number must be **at least** 10 cm high and located on both sides of the unit or vehicle.
- Specific exploration equipment that must display a permit number is as follows:
  - o Survey vehicles that are used in surveying the exploration program.
  - o Mechanical line cutting equipment used in construction and development of a seismic line.
  - Wheeled or tracked drilling equipment used in the program.
  - o Wheeled or tracked vehicles used in producing surface energy for the program.
  - o Vehicles used in recording operations.
  - Vehicles used in line cleanup.
  - o Supervisory vehicles used on-site on a regular or continuous basis.

### Display of a Unique Identification Number

If the operator does not have a unique identification number, the operator **must display** the program permittee's permit number as described above.

An operator, a drilling company, survey company, etc., may apply for a unique identification number under Section 41(4) and display that number on their equipment that is being used in connection with the exploration program instead of displaying the program permittee's number. This will eliminate the need for the operator to change the program permittee's number on the equipment as the operator moves from program to program.

The requirements for displaying the unique identification number are described below:

- The letter "U" followed by the unique identification number.
- The letter "U" and the number must be at least 10 cm high and located on both sides of the equipment.
- Specific equipment that must display a unique identification number (or permit number—see above) is as follows:
  - o Survey vehicles that are used in surveying the exploration program.
  - Mechanical line cutting equipment used in construction and development of a seismic line (e.g., cats and mulchers).
  - Wheeled or tracked drilling equipment used in the program.
  - o Wheeled or tracked vehicles used in producing surface energy for the program.
  - Vehicles used in the recording operations.
  - Vehicles used in line cleanup.
  - Supervisory vehicles used on-site on a regular or continuous basis.

An operator may obtain a unique identification number through application to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). For a unique identification number the applicant must:

- 1. Complete the "Application for Unique Identification Number Form" which can be viewed or downloaded from the AER website at aer.ca.
- 2. Pay an application fee of \$100.00 by attaching the fee to the form. Payment may be:
  - a. cash, or
  - b. a certified cheque made payable to the Alberta Energy Regulator, or
  - c. a money order made payable to the Alberta Energy Regulator.

The application for a unique identification number must be sent to the Alberta Energy Regulator.

# **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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