Title:	Geophysical Temporary Field Authorization
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Background

Under Section 31 of the Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006), the program licensee or the program permittee as defined in sections 1(ee) and 1(ff) of the Exploration Regulation for an approved program may request a geophysical Temporary Field Authorization for additional land use from the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). The AER may approve minor field amendments for programs on road allowances or private lands.

Requirements

Temporary Field Authorization for additional land use may be applied for once a preliminary application has been approved up to the date of completion which is the date on which the recording phase of an approved exploration program is completed.

Private Land and Road Allowance Amendments

For minor changes or amendments to programs on private land: Under the Exploration Regulation a program licensee must obtain consent from a private landowner to gain access to private land for any geophysical operations. Given this fact, section 30(4) of the Exploration Regulation (248/2006) is intended to provide industry with limited flexibility to address landowner concerns relating to the location of buildings, wells, corrals, etc. without the need to amend an approved exploration program. Section 30(4) states that:

- (4) Subject to section 8(1)(a) and the Exploration Directives, the program licensee may move a seismic line in an approved exploration program being conducted on private land without obtaining an amendment to the exploration approval if the line is moved
 - (a) Within the quarter section in which it is located as shown on the preliminary plan approved for the program, or
 - To an adjoining quarter section if the location of a line in that quarter section is shown on the preliminary plan approved for the program or in an amendment to the exploration approval.

Program licensees are required to obtain an amendment to an approved exploration program on private land if any line movement changes the orientation of the line, additional lines are added, or if the approved lines of a program are extended. An amendment is also required if lines are moved from private land to road allowance or road allowance to private land.

Field Amendments

As a separate approval, the AER **may approve** field amendments to programs on public land for the addition of lines up to the following limits per program:

Amendment	Land Use Officers	Geophysical Inspectors
New cutline and/or extension	10 km	3 km
Existing line and/or extension	30 km	5 km
Shift lines	Within the same row of quarter sections only.	Within the same row of quarter sections only.

Procedure

A detailed land standing report is required to be completed to assess ownership or adjacency issues for any new quarter section that is affected by the addition of lines under a field amendment. To request the land standing report, email your land description(s) to crownlanddatasupport@gov.ab.ca or call 780-422-1395. The geophysical field report form must be adjusted accordingly if so requested by the AER.

The requirements for consents and notifications that applied to the original program approval also apply to the amended lines. In addition, these amended lines must be recorded on the line measurement and summary forms as well as on the final plans.

Other

There are no fees associated with requests for Temporary Field Authorizations.

Enforcement/Compliance

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

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

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