

Conservation and Reclamation INFORMATION LETTER

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APPLICATION

This Information Letter applies to well-sites, oil production sites, mines, pipelines, pits (e.g., sand, gravel, clay), and other activities listed as specified land in the Conservation and Reclamation Regulation.

BACKGROUND

When a Conservation and Reclamation Inspector conducts an inspection or an inquiry, he may identify deficiencies in the conservation and reclamation efforts on the site. If the deficiencies are severe, the Inspector may issue an Environmental Protection Order.

If the deficiencies are less serious, but still require corrective action, the Inspector may issue a Conservation & Reclamation Notice. The Notice is a more formal communication that replaces the letters that used to be written to operators to identify deficiencies.

CONTENT

A sample Conservation & Reclamation Notice is on the back of this page. The Conservation & Reclamation Notice will be directed to the operator and will:

- specify the legal location, surface disposition number or approval number where applicable, and type of activity under Notice;
- state the date of the inspection or inquiry that resulted in the Notice and the date the Notice was issued;
- clearly identify the conditions on the site that require action;
- specify a work completion date;
- have the signature and name of the Conservation and Reclamation Inspector issuing the Notice; and
- identify that the Notice was given to the operator or his representative in the field, or was mailed to the operator.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Conservation & Reclamation Notices will be issued by the Conservation and Reclamation Inspectors.
- Notices may be:
 - given to the operator in the field, or
 - given to a representative of the operator (e.g., a consultant), in the field or
 - mailed to the operator.
- The operator is responsible for meeting the requirements of the Notice.
- A copy of the Notice will be given to the landowner or occupant.
- Failure to comply with the Notice may result in an Environmental Protection Order, or return of the application for a reclamation certificate if applicable.

- In addition to the work specified in the Notice, the operator is required to remediate any other unsuitable conditions on the site in order to satisfy its duty to conserve and reclaim the site.
- Concerns about the reasons for, or the content of, a Conservation & Reclamation Notice can be directed to the contacts listed below.

CONTACTS

For Green Area public lands:

Alberta Environmental Protection,
Land and Forest Services,
7th Floor, 9920 - 108 Street,
EDMONTON, Alberta T5K 2M4.

Phone: (780) 427-8474

Fax: (780) 427-0075

For White Area public lands:

Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development,
Public Land Management Branch,
Room 200, J. G. O'Donoghue Building,
7000 - 113 Street,
EDMONTON, Alberta T6H 5T6.

Phone: (780) 427-6597

Fax: (780) 422-4244

For all other lands:

Alberta Environmental Protection,
Environmental Sciences Division,
4th Floor, 9820-106 Street,
EDMONTON, Alberta T5K 2J6

Phone: (780) 427-5883

Fax: (780) 422-4192

