

Notice of Filing

Alberta Energy Regulator
Application No. 1758947

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Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
Application No. 019-48522

Cenovus FCCL Ltd.
Christina Lake Thermal Project
Athabasca Oil Sands Area

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has received Application No. 1758947 and Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) has received *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)* Application No. 019-48522 (collectively the applications) from Cenovus FCCL Ltd. (Cenovus) for approval for an expansion of the Phases A–G central processing facility (Phase H) and an expansion east of the project area (eastern expansion) at the approved Christina Lake Thermal Project (CLTP). The AER, ESRD, and other government departments are reviewing the applications and the associated environmental impact assessment (EIA).

This notice is not a notice of application of the AER and the submission deadlines given are not for statements of concern for filing under the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice (Rules of Practice)*.

Description of the Project

Cenovus has applied under section 13 of the *Oil Sands Conservation Act (OSCA)* to expand Phases A–G at the currently approved central processing facility of CLTP by constructing, operating, and reclaiming a new phase, Phase H. This expansion would increase the overall bitumen production capacity to 49 284 cubic metres per day (m³/d) (310 000 barrels per day) and increase steam production capacity to 89 696 m³/d cold water equivalent.

To support the future recovery of the resource at CLTP, Cenovus has also applied to expand the currently approved project area to the east (eastern expansion). This expansion would include an additional 743 steam-assisted gravity drainage (SAGD) well pairs on 72 well pads for long-term development, totalling 2155 SAGD well pairs on 203 pads for the total proposed project area.

Bitumen would be produced from the Wabiskaw-McMurray deposit and would be recovered using SAGD. Phases A–G are located about 20 kilometres (km) southeast of the community of Conklin, Alberta, and 120 km north of the town of Lac La Biche in Townships 75–76, Ranges 5–6, all West of the 4th Meridian. The eastern expansion would be located in Townships 75–76, Ranges 4–5, West of the 4th Meridian.

A development area defining the near-term development of the CLTP is also being proposed that would include 1118 SAGD well pairs on 135 well pads in addition to those that have already been approved. The necessary processing facilities, infrastructure, utilities, and pad facilities would be constructed to handle the proposed production capacity of the development area.

Cenovus has prepared and submitted the following documents:

- Application No. 1758947 to the AER, under section 13 of the *Oil Sands Conservation Act*, to construct and operate the proposed expansion.
- Application No. 019-48522 to ESRD, under part 2, division 2, section 70 of the *EPEA*, to construct, operate, and reclaim the proposed expansion.
- An EIA report associated with the above applications. The EIA forms part of the application to the AER.

For a copy of the application, contact

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To view the application, EIA, and supporting documents, contact

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How to File a Statement of Concern with ESRD

Under section 73 of the *EPEA*, any person who may be directly affected by the *EPEA* application may submit a written statement of concern. Statements of concern must be submitted by **November 16, 2013**. Quote Application No. 019-48522 (*EPEA*) when submitting a statement of concern.

If no statements of concern are received, the *EPEA* application may be approved without further notice. Failure to file a statement of concern may affect the right to file a Notice of Appeal with the Environmental Appeals Board.

Submit statements of concern to

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development
Regulatory Approvals Centre
Main floor, Oxbridge Place
9820 – 106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6
Attention: Director, Northern Region
Telephone: 780-427-6311
Fax: 780-422-0154

The AER may also receive and review submissions sent to ESRD. Any interested party can file a submission with the AER directly if it has concerns with the application to the AER. The filing deadline stated above is not for statements of concerns to be filed with the AER under the *Rules of Practice* unless stated otherwise in an AER notice or other direction of the AER.

If you choose to file a submission, you may want to include the following information:

- a) why you believe you may be directly and adversely affected by a decision on the application;
- b) the location of the land, residence, or activity of the person in relation to the location of the project that forms the subject of the proposed applications; and
- c) your contact information, including your name, address in Alberta, telephone number, fax number, if available, and an e-mail address.

Confidentiality

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Section 49 of the *Rules of Practice* and section 35(1) of the *EPEA* requires that all documents and information filed in a proceeding be placed on the public record. If you file a submission, you must not include any personal information that you do not want to appear on or are not authorized to put on the public record. Section 49(2) of the *Rules of Practice* states how to apply to the AER for an order to keep information confidential. Such requests to ESRD can be filed according to section 35(4) of the *EPEA*.

Questions of Constitutional Law

In addition to giving notice according to section 12 of the *Administrative Procedures and Jurisdiction Act* and schedule 2 of the *Designation of Constitutional Decision Makers Regulation*, you must include the following information in your submission if you intend to raise a question of constitutional law:

- a) the constitutional question you intend to raise
- b) the legal argument you intend to make
- c) the evidence you intend to rely on in support of your legal argument

Under section 21 of the *Responsible Energy Development Act*, the AER does not have jurisdiction to assess the adequacy of Crown consultation associated with the rights of aboriginal peoples as recognized and affirmed under the *Constitution Act*.

For information on AER procedures, contact

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