

**Industry Bulletin**  
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**Caribou Protection Plan (CPP) Submission Requirements  
for Winter 2013/14**

**Purpose**

- This Industry Bulletin describes the Caribou Protection Plan (CPP) submission requirements pertaining to exploration and industrial activities being conducted for winter 2013/14.
- The CPP is an operational planning tool that applies to new development within the zones identified on the ESRD caribou land use referral map. Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) staff use the CPP to inform the disposition and/or program review and approval processes.

**Scope**

- All exploration and industrial activities on public land and excluded from the scope of the ESRD Enhanced Approval Process (EAP) are required to submit a CPP for winter 2013/14.
- The exploration and industrial activities approved under the Public Lands Act, the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (Codes of Practice for Exploration Operations), and the Mines and Minerals Act (Part 8) that require a CPP are:
  - Geophysical Exploration (GEO)
  - Metallic and Industrial Minerals Exploration (MME)
  - Oil Sands Exploration (OSE)
  - Coal Exploration (CEP)
  - Oil sands mining operations
  - In-situ oil sand operations
  - Sand / gravel operations
  - Public Lands Act major industrial operations
  - Forest harvesting operations
- This direction does not supersede legislation, associated regulations, standards, guidelines or specific conditions of approval for those exploration and industrial activities excluded from the EAP scope as described.

**Note:** Disposition holders for the above activities are encouraged to review the ESRD EAP Integrated Standards and Guidelines document for information that may apply to operations within caribou zones and provide information for CPP applications.

## **CPP Submission Deadline and Content Requirements**

- The CPP submission deadline is October 15, 2013.
- The CPP guidelines document, which describes CPP content requirements, is found by searching "Caribou Protection Plan Guidelines and Calving Information" at [www.srd.alberta.ca](http://www.srd.alberta.ca)

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