

Title:	Notice to Relevant Land Authorities and Holders of Forest Management Agreements and Timber Licenses
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Background

As per Sections 37, 38 and 39 of the *Exploration Regulations (AR 284/2006)*, the program licensee or program permittee as defined in Section 1(ee) and 1(ff) of the *Exploration Regulation* is responsible to provide written notification to the Relevant Land Authorities and holders of forest management agreements and timber licenses upon the commencement, temporary suspension, and completion of an approved exploration program. The manner and format of that notification is set forth in the requirements and procedure of this directive.

Requirements

Written notification must be provided to Relevant Land Authorities for the area(s) in which an approved exploration program occurs. This requirement applies to program commencement, the temporary suspension of operations, and program completion. In Section 38(1) (b) of the *Exploration Regulation* the Relevant Land Authority is described as being Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation, Municipal Council, and/or the Special Areas Board if an approved program is to be conducted wholly or partially within their administrative areas. The notification must be provided to:

1. Operations manager for the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation in relation to a program of exploration that is to be conducted, or is being conducted, in whole or in part on highways that are subject to the direction, control and management of the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation.
2. Municipal Council for the municipality in which all or part of the program occurs.
3. Special Areas Board for the Special Area in which all or part of the program occurs.

Written notification of the date of:

1. Commencement must be given not be less than two (2) business days and not more than 15 business days before program commencement. The “date of commencement,” as defined in section 1(g) of the *Exploration Regulation*, means the date on which the process, including ground or vegetation disturbance, commences to establish shot points or receiver points to be used in any line in a program of exploration. Program commencement must include a copy of the approved preliminary plan and a copy of the exploration approval.
2. Program suspension must be given prior to the removal of the crew and equipment from the location of the program as shown in the approved preliminary plan.

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3. Completion must not be more than one (1) business day after the date of completion of an approved program. The “date of completion,” as defined in Section 1(h) of the *Exploration Regulation*, means the date on which the recording phase of an approved exploration program is completed.

Procedure

Written notifications to Relevant Land Authorities and holders of forest management agreements and timber licenses must use the following forms which can be viewed or downloaded from the AER website at aer.ca:

- Notice of Commencement for Geophysical Operations
- Notice to Temporarily Cease or Resume Operations for Geophysical Operations
- Notice of Completion for Geophysical Operations

Other

If an approved program is amended the program licensee and program permittee shall ensure the Relevant Land Authority, the holder of the forest management agreement or the holder of a timber licence is notified of the amendment in writing.

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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