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OIL SANDS INFORMATION BULLETIN **2009-07**

SUBJECT: The Alberta Oil Sands Tenure Guidelines Principles and Procedures

The *Alberta Oil Sands Tenure Guidelines (Principles and Procedures)* interpret the relevant legislation, particularly the *Oil Sands Tenure Regulation (AR 50/2000)*, and the *Mines and Minerals Administration Regulation (AR 262/97)*. The Guidelines assist lessees, permittees, and developers to determine their oil sands tenure entitlements and obligations and to communicate oil sands tenure-related policy to industry stakeholders.

The May 8, 2009, Guidelines replace the June 15, 2006, Guidelines. The primary changes to these guidelines were to update OS Tenure's contact information and update references to the Alberta Energy Utilities Board (EUB) to Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) – as per ERCB Bulletin 2007-43.

To retrieve the May 8, 2009, Tenure Guidelines go to the Department of Energy website:
<http://www.energy.alberta.ca/OilSands/806.asp>.

Oil Sands Tenure clients are encouraged to continually check the department's website as these Guidelines reflect the ongoing policies and procedures of the Oil Sands Tenure Program and are subject to change.

In cases of conflict the *Mines and Minerals Act*, the *Oil Sands Tenure Regulation*, and the *Mines and Minerals Administration Regulation* will take precedence over these Guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the updated Guidelines please contact Renée Matsuba (Manager, Tenure) at 780-427-0910 or Shamee Hoosein (Senior Tenure Administrator) at 780-427-9076.

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