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Subject: Requirement to Bid on Parcels Requested to be Included in Public Offerings of Crown Mineral Rights

This bulletin outlines the actions that the department may take with individuals that submit posting requests for inclusion in a public offering and for which no bids are received.

Petroleum and natural gas, oil sands, coal, and brine-hosted mineral rights are issued through public offerings. This is a developer-driven process that facilitates the granting of rights to individuals interested in pursuing exploration or development of those rights. Individuals should not be requesting rights if they have no intention, or ability, to bid on those rights.

Expectation to bid and penalty for not bidding

The department expects individuals to submit a bid for each of the posted parcels they have requested. If no bids are received on a parcel, including from the requester, then the requester is subject to a penalty of \$625.00 (plus GST), as specified by the Mines and Minerals Administration Regulation.

Additional actions

If individuals have frequent, or repetitive, instances of not bidding on rights they have requested, then the department will take actions in addition to assessing a penalty. Those actions may include denying an individual the ability to submit new postings either directly or through another party, but does not preclude any other discretionary action afforded by legislation.

The intent of the additional actions is to ensure the objectives of the rights offering process are upheld, and that the process is not used to temporarily tie-up rights, obfuscate actual interests, or for any other purposes.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact:

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