Title:	Commencement and Completion Notification
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## **Background**

Under Section 37 of the *Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006)*, the program licensee and program permittee as defined in Section 1(ee) and 1(ff) of the *Exploration Regulation* have requirements and processes that must be followed at commencement and completion of an approved exploration program.

## Requirements

### **Program Commencement**

Program commencement is the date on which the process (including ground or vegetation disturbance) to establish shot points or receiver points to be used in any line in a program of exploration commences. Not more than five (5) business days prior to this date, the program licensee or program permittee shall notify and provide the following information to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER):

- The geophysical approval number
- Prospect name
- Program permittee and permit number
- Program commencement date
- The energy source to be used in conducting the approved exploration program

#### **Program Completion**

Program completion is the date on which the recording phase of an approved exploration program is completed.

Not more than five (5) business days after this date, the program licensee or program permittee shall notify and provide the following information to the AER:

- The geophysical approval number
- Prospect name
- Program permittee and permit number
- Date of program completion

#### **Procedure**

The AER can be notified of program commencement and completion by one of the following methods:

- Telephone: 1-855-297-8311
- A copy of the "Notice of Commencement for Geophysical Operations Form and Notice of Completion of Geophysical Operations Form" can be downloaded from the AER website at aer.ca and emailed to exploration@aer.ca.

When the required information for program commencement is received by the AER, a confirmation number for commencement will be given to the program licensee or program permittee. This confirmation number should be recorded by the program licensee or program permittee as verification that the AER has been notified of commencement. Once the program licensee or program permittee receives the confirmation number for commencement, the exploration program can begin.

When the required information for program completion is received by the AER a confirmation number for completion will be given to the program licensee or program permittee. This confirmation number should be recorded by the program licensee or program permittee as verification that the AER has been notified of program completion.

# **Enforcement/Compliance**

Enforcement policy and procedures are currently under review and this directive will be updated accordingly.

#### **Contact Information**

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**Authorities** Mines and Minerals Act (Part 8) and Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006)

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