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New Beginnings....

On May 26, 2015, the Regulatory Applications Team at IHS closed its doors. All existing regulatory applications in the queue at IHS as well as applications being processed at the regulatory agency were migrated to **Benoit Regulatory Compliance Inc.** on May 27th, 2015.

We have now settled into our new location in the Ford Tower (1220, 633-6th Avenue SW; T2P 2Y5) and look forward to this new chapter. I have e-mailed our new contact information to most of you, but just in case, I have included it below.

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Please let us know if we can help you with any of your regulatory needs.

Inactive Disposal and Injection Wells

As discussed in previous newsletters, the AER's Inactive Well Compliance Program kicked-off on April 1, 2015. The AER is conducting information sessions from now until the end of June 2015. This is your only opportunity to have your questions addressed as the AER is no longer taking questions from individual operators by email or telephone. Please click [here](#) to register for one of these sessions.

In response to the AER's inactive well compliance program (IWCP), please note that, upon the submission of a disposal or enhanced recovery scheme amendment application, the AER may propose rescinding inactive wells from the list of approved injection or disposal wells. Over the past year, many enhanced recovery scheme amendment applications have been submitted as a result of AER audits which tend to focus on voidage replacement conditions.

Please feel free to contact Robyn or I to discuss the IWCP or ER scheme surveillance. We'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Changes to the Licensee Liability Rating (LLR) Program

On March 31, 2015, the AER released Bulletin 2015-13, noting the changes to Directive 011, which updated the industry parameters and liability costs for the LLR program. A copy of the revised Directive can be found [here](#).

The AER is conducting an information session on June 19, 2015. Please click [here](#) to register for this session.

Drilling in Accordance With a Non-Standard Holding Buffer- A Reminder

I've received a number of questions in regards to drilling in accordance with an existing holding with 200 meter buffers on the south and east sides of the holding.

Please note that an operator may drill in accordance with these old holding buffers. However, if, in the future, the operator wishes to increase the well density in the area, it is unlikely that the AER will carry forward the existing 200 meter south and east buffer. As such, if an operator wishes to increase the well density on an existing holding with 200 meter south and east buffers, the AER will likely request that the holding buffers be amended to the standard 100 meters on all sides.

This is of particular importance because, even if a well was drilled in accordance with the 200 meter south and east buffer holding, any well drilled after [October 6, 2011](#) (the date in which the standard buffers for holdings changed) and within 100 meters from a holding boundary may be subject to enforcement upon a successful request from an offset operator.

Based on this, operators have been proactive in amending their existing holdings to the standard 100 meters from all sides of the holding, to ensure that there is no confusion in regards to this issue. Please feel free to contact us before you drill. We'd be more than happy help in this regard.

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Until next month.....

-Jason Benoit