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## Current Regulations

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## **Alberta's Enhanced Hydrocarbon Recovery Program (EHRP)**

A reminder that Alberta Energy will start accepting applications for the [EHRP](#) on January 1, 2017. To be eligible for the program, enhanced recovery schemes must meet all of the following criteria:

- Receive technical approval of a scheme, where a scheme application is submitted to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) **on or after October 23, 2016**;
- Be an enhanced recovery scheme that uses either secondary or tertiary recovery methods to inject substances into an oil or gas pool;
- Produce more hydrocarbons from the pool than could be produced from the base recovery scheme for that pool;
- Demonstrate that costs are significantly greater than operating the base recovery scheme; and
- Provide a net royalty benefit to the Crown over the life of the scheme.

In addition, new schemes involving water flooding, gas cycling or gas flooding must be located in a pool or a part of a pool where these activities have not occurred previously. However, please note that amendments to existing schemes can also qualify for the program, if the Minister is satisfied that the scheme is amended/extended stratigraphically (vertically) to target a pool or part of a pool where these activities have not previously occurred.

The applicant will be required to provide necessary geologic and engineering data to demonstrate the extended portion is in rock with different characteristics that has not been impacted by an existing water flood. If the Minister is satisfied with this evidence, the extended portion may be treated as a 'new' scheme under the program and receive program benefits if qualified, even if the AER considers this as an amendment to an existing scheme.

Benoit can prepare and submit these applications on your behalf to Alberta Energy. Please contact us if you would like some help!

## **LMR Security Deposit Relaxation Plans**

If your company's LMR has dipped or is about to dip below 1.0, it does not necessarily mean that an immediate security payment will be required by the AER. Recently, Benoit has had success in delaying security payment requirements for operators or developing a plan in conjunction with the AER to have security payments paid out in installments.

If you would like more information on this and would like us to help, please feel free to contact us.

### **A Reminder: Subsurface Order No. 5 (Cardium Formation)**

As discussed in our last newsletter, to take advantage of a subsurface order well density relaxation, both the existing holding/unit spacing as well as the underlying special drilling spacing unit [must be rescinded](#).

Please contact us if you would like to discuss this new AER order and/or if you would like some help rescinding the existing spacing on your company's lands. We'd be happy to help.

### **Bulletin 2016-31: Fracture Fluid Composition Data Verification**

Effective January 3, 2017, the AER will implement a quality assurance process to verify that hydraulic fracturing fluid data submitted to the AER accurately reflects completion activities that have occurred in wells drilled across the province.

If submitted data is identified as inaccurate, incomplete, or requires validation, the licensee will be notified by email of the deficiencies and will receive instructions on what to do.

A copy of Bulletin 2016-31 can be found [here](#).

### **MWHIP's in ER Schemes in Alberta**

The AER has implemented a province wide "blanket" maximum wellhead injection pressure (MWHIP) of 8 times the TVD depth (top of the perforated interval) for all injection wells (ER schemes only).

Please note that this MWHIP must be requested through the submission of an application and does not pertain to disposal schemes. If you follow [this link](#), the discussion around the 8 x TVD is in a bullet closer to the bottom of the page.

### **SME: New Tenure Fees to be Implemented through IRIS**

The fee model outlined in The Oil and Gas Tenure Registry Regulations (OGTRR) came into effect on October 27, 2016, and was implemented into IRIS on December 7, 2016, with IRIS Release 5.5.

A copy of the Industry TIP can be found [here](#).

### **SME: New Monthly Overproduction Report**

A new monthly report to assist companies with monitoring their over production can be found [here](#).

### **Happy Holidays from all of us at Benoit!**

This is the last newsletter of the year! Thank you so much for you continued support this year. We're looking forward to working with you all next year and wish you all the best for 2017.

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Until next month....

-Jason Benoit