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On September 28, 2015 the AER released Bulletin 2015-29, which details the changes for the issuance of Good Production Practice (GPP). Similar to the process administered several years ago, the AER will now contemplate the assignment of Good Production Practice during a review of an O-38 application.

The AER may grant GPP even if the applied-for well has been drilled outside of an existing AER defined pool boundary, but has been geologically correlated to the existing AER defined Pool (subject to GPP) by the AER.

The AER will not assign GPP during the O-38 process when the well lies within a primary depletion area with enhanced recovery approvals or if the well produces from a pool with an AER defined gas cap, but has no concurrent production approval.

A copy of Bulletin 2015-29 can be found [here](#). Please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss this further.

AER News Release on Regulatory Excellence

In a news release issued October 21, 2015, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) is asking Albertans to weigh in on how a world-class report on regulatory excellence can be applied here in Alberta.

Over the next few weeks, the AER is engaging Albertans and stakeholders to test the AER's assessment of the report and develop a made-in-Alberta version of this framework for regulatory excellence. Albertans are encouraged to share their thoughts as part of a province-wide conversation at [talk.aer.ca](#). The full news release can be found [here](#).

LLR Update

The AER continues to hold information sessions on the LLR, so be sure to watch the website for the dates for the November session(s). The next issuance of the LMR calculation will be the week of November 9, 2015. Don't forget to review your numbers again for any changes or discrepancies.

New Method for Submitting Applications to Saskatchewan Ministry of the Economy

October 30, 2015 is the last day the Ministry of Economy will accept Petroleum and Natural Gas applications through the present method (hard copy via mail). On November 19, 2015, applications must be submitted electronically through the [Integrated Resource Information System \(IRIS\)](#). For a complete list of impacted applications see Section 4.4.1 of the IRIS Industry Readiness and Orientation Guide, available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/IRIS](#).

Are you interested in our Well Spacing or Production Allowables Course?

With the recent industry downturn, BRC presently has no scheduled courses on the horizon. However, we have had a few questions from clients as to whether or not we still offer them. The answer is: Yes, but let us know if you are interested so that we can schedule one accordingly.

Please visit [here](#) and [here](#) for more information on our Production Allowables Course and Well Spacing Course, respectively.

Review Offset Casing Collapse Pressure for Disposal and ER Schemes- A Reminder

For disposal or enhanced recovery scheme applications, an offset well review must be conducted for all wells (including abandoned wells) which have penetrated the targeted zone. Remember that this review must include an analysis of the offset casing collapse pressure in relation to the proposed sandface pressure of the proposed disposal or injection well. If the casing collapse pressure is less than the proposed sandface pressure of the proposed disposal or injection well, the AER may request that the MWHIP of the proposed disposal or injection well be reduced.

Please contact us if you would like help in this regard or if you would simply like to discuss this topic in further detail.

ERP Updates in Alberta

Please note that, upon the submission of a resource (D065) application, the AER may audit your company's Emergency Response Plan to ensure that the ERP has been updated accordingly (updated EPZ calculation) within the past year. As these audits can delay the processing of your D065 application, the update of the ERP should be considered before the submission of the application.

AER Request for Feedback on a Draft Directive for the Reservoir Containment Requirements in the Shallow Thermal Area of the Athabasca oil Sands Area

On October 13, 2015, the AER issued [Bulletin 2015-32](#), a bulletin outlining the process to provide feedback regarding the AER's [draft Directive: Reservoir Containment Requirements for Steam-Assisted gravity Drainage Projects in the Shallow Thermal Area of the Athabasca Oil Sands Area](#).

OGC Industry Bulletin 2015-29: Packer Isolation testing Requirements

The OGC has released a reminder of the packer isolation test requirements for disposal, injection and sour gas production wells. A copy of the Bulletin can be found [here](#).

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Until next month.....

-Jason Benoit