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Current Regulations[O&G Conservation Rules](#)[Directive 065](#)[Directive 064](#)[Directive 067-1](#)[AER Bulletin 2014-07](#)[AER Well Spacing Map](#)[Saskatchewan Guidelines](#)[BC Guidelines](#)[Manitoba Guidelines](#)[BC Water Service Wells](#)**AER LMR Update**

Typically, the AER LMR algorithm assumes regional well abandonment costs based on fluid type and/or well status. On January 14, 2016, the AER implemented a method in which an operator can self-declare wells that do not contain production tubing, thereby reducing the AER's deemed liability assessment. A copy of the instructions for submitting this declaration can be found [here](#), but please let us know if we can help you in this regard.

Further to this, over the past number of months, we have received feedback from our clients, requesting us to assess ways in which we can help reduce their deemed liabilities and/or improve their LMR. Based on these requests and feedback, BRC has developed a workflow to assess, forecast and potentially improve an operator's liability management rating. For more information on this service, please click [here](#).

Please remember that the latest issuance of the LMR calculation was the week of January 2, 2016. Don't forget to review your numbers again for any changes or discrepancies. The AER is holding on-going information sessions on this topic, so be sure to watch the AER website for the next scheduled session.

BC OGC Isotope Database

Geoscience BC, in partnership with the University of Victoria, is proceeding with the accumulation, analysis and cataloguing of geochemical inventory and assessments of natural gas occurrences in BC. The goal is to establish a comprehensive regional or play natural gas framework for government and industry that characterizes such things as baselines, source rock and stratigraphic control.

Geoscience BC and UVIC require participation and cooperation from industry to achieve this goal.

Industry is already collecting gas samples and submitting the results to the BC OGC. Geoscience BC and UVIC are asking operators to send duplicate or leftover samples directly to them for natural gas fingerprinting at no cost to industry.

Please contact Curtis Evans, Project Manager @ c2evans@uvic.ca for details on how you can participate in this program.

For more information on this topic, please follow the links provided below.

[BC Natural Gas Atlas Presentation](#)[Isotope Analysis and Submission Guidelines](#)

The program has also sent us some options for sample tags and tubes. Those links can be found [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

BRC Expansion of Services

BRC has now added [Land Administration](#) to our portfolio of integrated reservoir management solutions. Our experienced staff can assist your company by:

- Posting and Acquiring Mineral Crown Lands at Sale
- Maintaining Mineral, Surface and Contract land files and handling any expiries and notifications
- Preparing Third Party Consent Agreements
- Conducting mineral and surface continuations

By offering this service, BRC can provide an assessment of your company's land and regulatory approvals in the early stages of development, enabling us to outline any compliance related concerns and provide you a list of recommendations.

If you would like more information about this service, please contact us at your earliest convenience.

Changes to the BC OGC Gas Levy Rate

Effective January 2, 2016, the gas levy rate in BC has changed to \$0.71 per 1,000 m³ of marketable natural gas produced. The industry bulletin for this announcement can be found [here](#).

BC OGC: Clarification of Permit Expirations

On December 30, 2015, the BC OGC released [Bulletin 2015-25](#), a bulletin clarifying the process to prevent permits from expiring.

We've moved!

Effective January 1, 2016, please note that our office location has changed (next door to our old location) to the following:

1210, 633-6th Avenue SW

Calgary, AB; T2P 2Y5

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Until next month....

-Jason Benoit