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The AER is unveiling a subsurface order (SO) proposal for the Cardium in the Pembina, Willesden Green, Farnier and Darrington Fields in the near future. We expect the spacing conditions to be similar to those stipulated in the SO's for the Montney and the Duvernay.

Please feel free to contact us to discuss any concerns or feedback you have with the proposal. All feedback will be forwarded to the AER.

Typically, 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relaxation, both the existing holding unit spacing as well as the underlying special drilling spacing unit must be rescinded. We would not recommend doing this until such time that a subsurface order is actually released. However, in the meantime, feel free to contact us to discuss your company's lands in these areas.

Did your LMR increase this month?

It should have! As a temporary measure, certain facilities with EDCT codes 020, 030 and 031 were overridden to \$0.00 for the July 2016 monthly LMR run. This is in response to a significant number of variation requests and the AER acknowledgement that these sites generally overlap multi-well pads that are assessed abandonment and reclamation liability. It is important to understand that this is a temporary measure only.

The AER is undertaking a near-term action project (NTAP) to review the licensing and liability assessment of multiwell pads and their associated facilities. This review will commence soon with no estimated completion or implementation date. Regardless, this review may result in a reinstatement of reclamation liabilities on some battery sites which may result in an unexpected decrease of your LMR.

There are several options available to reduce your deemed liabilities through administrative changes. The resultant increase in your company's LMR may surprise you and is something you may want to do before the AER completes their NTAP. If you would like us to assist you in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact us. We'd be happy to help!

As discussed last month, on June 20, 2016 the AER released Bulletin 2016-16 which implemented an interim increase to the minimum liability management ratio (LMR) from 1.0 to 2.0 immediately following a transfer of AER licences, approvals or permits. A copy of the bulletin can be found [here](#). A follow-up bulletin (2016-21), which attempts to clarify Bulletin 2016-16, was released on July 6, 2016 and can be found [here](#).

Please call us to discuss Bulletin 2016-16 or 21 or if you require help with your licence transfer process.

Bulletin 2016-22 Operational Advisory: Leak Detection

[Bulletin 2016-22 Operational Advisory: Leak Detection](#) was issued July 14, 2016 to highlight the importance of developing and maintaining an effective leak detection program for multiphase (oil well effluent) and produced water pipelines. The bulletin is a reminder to operators that preventative measures such as pipeline systems monitoring and operator training are recommended.

Bulletin 2016-23 New Soil Endpoint and Post-Disposal Sampling Values Under Directive 050: Drilling Waste Management for Boron, Nickel, Ethylbenzene, and Xylenes

Please be advised that [Bulletin 2016-23](#) was issued July 15, 2016 along with a new Directive 50, which is effective immediately. These changes may impact your Phase I and II ESA's and therefore your Reclamation Certificate applications.

New AER Reclamation Certificate Application Requirements and Process

As discussed last month, on June 21, 2016, the AER released Bulletins 2016-17 and 2016-18 implementing a new process for submitting reclamation certificate applications. BRC has attended the recent AER training sessions on this topic and can certainly help you with these applications, please contact us. We'd be happy to help!

Information Bulletin [INDB 2016-23 \(OGC\)](#)

The KERMIT system, the eSubmission portal, as well as Well Reports and Data Downloads, are now restored.

Information Bulletin [INDB 2016-24 \(OGC\): New Online Application management System \(AMS\)](#)

Effective July 11, 2016, applications to OGC can now be submitted through the AMS. Please call us if you would like help with your BC OGC applications or submissions.

BRC's One Year Anniversary

Where has the time gone? I still cannot believe that BRC marked its one year anniversary last month. It was our intention to make the transition from IHS/ Fekete as smooth as possible for you and from the feedback we received, I think we achieved that. However, please let us know if we can do anything else to better serve you.

Robyn and I and our staff would like to thank all of you for your continued support, particularly during these difficult/challenging economic times. Thank you so much.

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Until next month....

-Jason Benoit