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New and Enhanced Functionality Moving to OneStop, AER Bulletin 2024-06

Applications – Process

The AER announced new functionality and enhancements to its OneStop platform. The AER will post notice and schedule a system outage to implement these changes. The changes relate to the following legislation and policies.

Water Act

For *Water Act* approvals for borrow pit activities, applicants will have the option to identify whether the wetland policy applies to their associated in situ or mining projects.

Public Lands Act

The AER added enhancement to:

- plan replacements that will allow disposition holders to disconnect public land dispositions; and
- cancellations that will enable OneStop to automatically generate cancellations for the following public land dispositions:

- dispositions not entered within the five-year stage gate period as per approval conditions; and
- dispositions being cancelled through the reclamation certificate process.

Pilot for Site Reductions on Well Sites

The AER made an enhancement allowing it to issue a reclamation certificate for sites that meet the eligibility criteria set out by the Government of Alberta’s pilot program for lease reductions.

Conditional Adjustment of Reclamation Liability

The AER announced that in April 2024, it will release a new Conditional Adjustment of Reclamation Liability submission type to allow for conditional adjustments to the reclamation liability estimate used in the AER’s liability management programs.

Pilot for Reclaiming Peatlands

On February 7, 2024, the Reclamation Certificate Variance submission was enhanced to support the Government of Alberta’s interim directive for reclaiming peatlands.