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| Title: | Release of Program Information |
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Background

Under Section 13 of the *Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006)*, the general public may make a request in writing to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) for a copy of documents related to an exploration program, which are held in the Department of Environment and Sustainable Resources or AER records.

Requirements

The written request must indicate the approved exploration program and the program data being requested, and the phone number and address of the requester must be provided within the written request. The request is to be submitted to the AER at the address specified below under “Contact Information”.

Procedure

The following information is considered program data:

- The preliminary plan application.
- The approval that was issued for the particular exploration program.
- All other approvals associated with that exploration program (e.g., temporary field authorization).
- The geophysical field report that was submitted and approved.
- Any and all parameters of the program design and execution.
- The final plans and maps related to the exploration program that are contained in the Department of Environment and Sustainable Resources or AER records.

Written requests for program data must be submitted to the AER at the address specified below under “Contact Information”.

1. The program licensee as identified in Section 1(ee) of the *Exploration Regulation* **must agree** to the release of any program data that falls within two (2) years of the completion date of a program of exploration conducted in Alberta.
2. Program data that is two (2) years or older (i.e., two (2) years after the completion date of a program of exploration conducted in Alberta) may be released without the program licensee’s consent on requests submitted to the AER.
3. Program data will be provided in hard copy or printed copy only.

Other

Program data does not include information or correspondence between the program licensee, program permittee as defined in Section 1(ff) of the *Exploration Regulation* or any other person authorized by the program licensee or program permittee to communicate or consult with First Nations and the First Nations, or any details of a First Nations Consultation plan or program.

Enforcement/Compliance

Enforcement policy and procedures are currently under review and this directive will be updated accordingly.

Contact

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Authorities

Mines and Minerals Act (Part 8) and Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006)

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