

## Surface Material Exploration and Surface Material Licence applications now in the Electronic Disposition System

Effective April 19, 2018, Surface Material Exploration (SME) and Surface Material Licence (SMC) applications will be submitted through the Electronic Disposition System (EDS).

### What is this change about?

SME and SMC applications will now be submitted through EDS. Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) will no longer accept paper SME and SMC applications.

### Why did this change occur?

Having SME and SMC applications submitted through EDS is the next step in creating a consistent process for all disposition applications on public land.

### How will applicants benefit from this change?

Submitting SME and SMC applications electronically through EDS provides more consistency, clarity, and efficiency for applicants.

The electronic application process is simpler and more streamlined than the paper application process. For example, applicants will no longer be required to fill out a paper application, submit it by email, wait for an application number to be assigned, and then upload the plan package in EDS.

Upon successfully submitting the application, applicants will now immediately receive an email containing their application which includes the application number.

EDS will inform the applicant when submitting the application and supporting documents what information is missing. This prevents errors which may cost significant time and money.

Electronic submission of applications will increase efficiencies in the application process resulting in expedited decisions.

### Where can I find out about submitting applications electronically?

For information on the electronic application process please review the steps outlined on the following AEP web pages:

- [Forms, Maps, Services](#)
- [Disposition Application e-Course](#)

More information on EDS can be found on the on the AEP website at:

- [Electronic Disposition System](#)

### Whom do I contact for additional information?

If you require further assistance, please contact:

AEP Information Centre  
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