

# Updates to the Master Schedule of Standards and Conditions (MSSC)

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Effective November 22, 2018 (after business hours) changes will be made to the 'Master Schedule of Standards and Conditions' (MSSC).

- [Master Schedule of Standards and Conditions \(MSSC\)](#)

## Why did these changes occur?

This document is reviewed on an ongoing basis as part of continuous improvement. This review takes into account new information and data on Alberta's resource values and input from applicants, disposition holders, stakeholders, and regulatory bodies which results in routine updates when new criteria or changes are identified.

## What public lands disposition applications will be affected by these changes?

These updates to the MSSC will affect new applications for public lands dispositions and applications to amend or renew existing public lands dispositions administered by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) when updated standards and conditions are identified within newly generated Landscape Analysis Tool (LAT) reports or when applied by the regulatory body at issuance.

## What are some of the changes?

The MSSC has been updated to identify which standards and conditions are applicable to AEP or the AER per purpose and/or activity and if a risk ranking or spatial layer is relevant to the issuance of the standard and/or condition.

The MSSC document now includes the Resource Management Risk Ranking Table that identifies the risk ranking level for each purpose and/or activity.

In conjunction with the update of existing spatial layers new spatial layers were added, including:

- Permafrost

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- Federal Aquatic Critical Habitat
- Ord's Kangaroo Rat Habitat
- Greater Shorthorned Lizard Habitat

In addition, associated processes and documents and their supporting user manuals were updated. This includes:

- [Alberta Public Lands Glossary of Terms](#)
- Pre-Application Requirements for Formal Dispositions
- [Public Lands Administration Regulation \(PLAR\) Table A1](#)
- [Public Lands Administration Regulation \(PLAR\) Table A2](#)

## What are the benefits of these changes?

The updates to the MSSC will provide:

- Greater clarity and enforceability of standards and conditions
- Better applicability of standards and conditions across multiple purposes and activities
- Greater ability to apply standards or conditions to spatial extents (e.g., permafrost conditions applied through a permafrost layer)

## Do these changes require a new Landscape Analysis Tool (LAT) report to be generated?

LAT reports generated within a period of 120 days prior to November 22, 2018 will be accepted for application submissions but will not include any of the recent MSSC updates.

It is up to applicants to determine if they wish to generate a new LAT report to take advantage of the benefits of the standard and condition updates to the MSSC.

## Whom can I contact for further information?

For applications for dispositions on public lands regulated by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP), please contact:

AEP Information Centre  
**Alberta:** 310-3773  
**Toll free:** 1 877-944-0313  
**Email:** [AEP.Info-Centre@gov.ab.ca](mailto:AEP.Info-Centre@gov.ab.ca)

For applications for dispositions on public lands regulated by the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER), please contact:

AER Customer Contact Centre  
**Alberta:** 403 297-8311  
**Toll free:** 1 855 297-8311  
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