

Changes to File Number for Consultation (FNC) Requirements for Public Lands Disposition Applications

What is this change about?

Effective October 29, 2018 changes will be made to the level of File Number for Consultation (FNC) required when submitting applications for public lands dispositions administered by Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) and the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER).

For example, applications for public lands dispositions which required the consultation level Adequacy Assessment Decision (AD) upon submission will now require the consultation level of Pre-consultation Assessment Decision (PA) upon submission. Whereas applications for public lands dispositions which required an Adequacy Assessment Decision (AA) upon submission will remain unchanged [e.g., Temporary Field Authorizations (TFAs)].

NOTE: Where applicable, applications for public lands dispositions will not be considered for issuance until First Nations and Metis Settlement consultation is completed and the final FNC requirement of AD is obtained.

Applications for public lands dispositions with the consultation level of AD upon submission will still be accepted.

Why did this change occur?

A review of the public lands disposition application submission requirements for FNC was completed by AEP and AER. It was determined to further parallel public lands disposition application requirements First Nations and Metis Settlement consultation processes should be aligned between regulators.

What are the benefits of this change?

By adjusting the level of FNC required to submit a public lands disposition application, from AD to PA, review of a public lands disposition application can begin while consultation efforts continue to gain the final FNC application requirement of AD.

Where can I find information about this change?

Further information on which FNC business rules apply to which activities can be found on Alberta Environment and Parks website under:

- PLAR Table A1 – AEP Public Land Dispositions and
- PLAR Table A2 – AER Public Land Dispositions

Who can I contact for more information?

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

AEP Information Centre

Alberta: 310-3773

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AER Customer Contact Centre

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