



New Alberta Energy Regulator Established



The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) was officially launched on June 17, 2013, after the Government of Alberta proclaimed the *Responsible Energy Development Act*.

The AER immediately takes on all regulatory functions previously carried out by the Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB). The AER brings a new governance structure that will achieve the benefits of strong corporate oversight and independent adjudication of energy applications throughout the hearing process.

The AER ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources over their entire life cycle. This includes allocating and conserving water resources, managing public lands, and protecting the environment while providing economic benefits for all Albertans.

Among the regulatory functions the AER carries out is the administration of *Directive 38: Noise Control*, which governs noise control for energy industry operations.

“The Alberta Energy Regulator remains committed to the requirements set out in Directive 38, and will continue to administer these requirements in the same manner as before,” said Don South, the AER’s Technical Specialist for Noise.

The AER is 100 per cent funded by industry and is authorized to collect funds through an administrative fee levied on oil and gas wells, oil sands mines, and coal mines. The industry-funded model is commonly used by regulatory agencies from various sectors across North America.

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