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Amended Requirements in *Directive 036* for the Certification and Storage of Blowout Preventers

Today, we released a new edition of *Directive 036: Drilling Blowout Prevention Requirements and Procedures*.

Section 1.7 defines blowout preventers (BOPs), drill-through spools, drill-through adapter flanges, flexible bleed-off and kill-line hoses, ram blocks, and carriers as drill-through equipment.

Appendix 5 contains amended and new requirements for this equipment. The allowable duration for storage has been increased and minimum storage and document requirements have been set out.

Appendix 5 also applies to BOPs for well servicing operations covered under *Directive 037: Service Rig Inspection Manual*.

Directive 036 is available on the AER website, www.aer.ca. Printed copies of the directive can be purchased from AER Order Fulfillment, Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4; telephone: 403-297-8311 or 1-855-297-8311 (toll free; option 0); fax: 403-297-7040; email: InformationRequest@aer.ca.