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Directive 023 (1991 Edition) and Directive 078 Rescinded

As part of its contributions towards the Government of Alberta's initiatives under the *Red Tape Reduction Act*, we will be rescinding obsolete and redundant regulatory requirements. Today, we are rescinding the following oil sands project application directives:

- *Directive 023: Guidelines Respecting an Application for a Commercial Crude Bitumen Recovery and Upgrading Project* (the 1991 edition)
- *Directive 078: Regulatory Application Process for Modifications to Commercial In Situ Oil Sands Projects*

Operators are reminded that *Oil Sands Conservation Act (OSCA)* project applications must continue to be submitted in accordance with *Draft Directive 023: Oil Sands Project Applications* (2013). The AER has used *Draft Directive 023* to administer all new OSCA project applications since the draft was issued in 2013.

The application requirements in *Directive 078* were incorporated into *Draft Directive 023* as section 10, "Amendment Applications." Applications to modify commercial in situ projects must continue to be submitted in accordance with this section.

The application requirements under *Draft Directive 023* and processes for OSCA project applications have not changed. We have simply removed obsolete and duplicative information requirements.

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