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## Invitation for Feedback on Draft Directive on Well Integrity Management

We are seeking feedback on a new draft directive, *Directive XXX: Well Integrity Management*. It contains testing, reporting, and repair requirements for isolation packers, surface casing vent flows (SCVFs), gas migration, and casing failures.

It will rescind and replace *Interim Directive ID 2003-01: 1) Isolation Packer Testing, Reporting, and Repair Requirements; 2) Surface Casing Venting Flow/Gas Migration Testing, Reporting, and Repair Requirements; 3) Casing Failure Reporting and Repair Requirements* and incorporates guidance previously given in *Bulletin 2009-07* and *Bulletin 2011-35*.

Some changes to the requirements are also being proposed:

- Isolation packers in Class II injection and disposal wells would be tested triennially instead of annually.
- Nonserious surface casing vent flows would be tested in years one, two, and six instead of every year for five years.
- Routine repairs would only need AER approval after three failed attempts instead of one.

To provide feedback on the draft directive, complete the comment form on the AER website and email it to [WellIntegrity@aer.ca](mailto:WellIntegrity@ aer.ca) or mail it to the Alberta Energy Regulator, Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P OR4. Feedback will be accepted through Monday, August 17. All feedback received will be reviewed and may be used in finalizing the directive.

Personal information provided with comments will be collected, used, and disclosed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The AER may use your personal contact information for follow-up communication related to your feedback.

The draft directive and the documents it will rescind are available on the AER website, [www.aer.ca](http://www.aer.ca).