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Changes to the Renewal of *Public Lands Act* Dispositions

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) authorizes surface access to public land for energy related activities through the issuance of dispositions under the *Public Lands Act*. (For details, see our website, www.aer.ca > Regulating Development > Project Application > Application Legislation > [Public Lands Act](#).)

We are working closely with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) to make the disposition renewal process more efficient, while maintaining environmental outcomes. Today we are announcing the following changes:

- Dispositions originally issued before September 1, 2010, are now designated “legacy.”
- When renewing legacy dispositions, sketch plans may now be acceptable in lieu of survey plans for verifying location and footprint. Survey plans remain always acceptable.
- The existing AEP document *Formal Disposition Renewal* has been updated to incorporate the above.
- AEP has issued a new document, *Legacy Public Lands Disposition Renewal Using Sketch*, and a new webpage, <https://www.alberta.ca/disposition-management-post-issuance.aspx>, that outlines the eligibility criteria and minimum standards for sketch plans and digital mapping.
- [Manual 018: OneStop Public Lands Application Manual](#) has been updated to include these changes.

Despite these changes, the AER has the authority to require a survey plan at any time under section 23 of the *Public Lands Act*.

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