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## New Edition of *Directive 040*

Today we released a new edition of [\*Directive 040: Pressure and Deliverability Testing Oil and Gas Wells\*](#), consisting of the following changes:

- Our guidance for minifrac tests, also known as diagnostic fracture injection tests, was updated to align with the current practice for conducting these tests.
- The exemption eligibility criteria for the initial pressure test requirement for new oil, gas, and step-out wells were expanded.
- The requirement to conduct an absolute open flow (AOF) deliverability test on new gas wells was rescinded.
- The requirement to conduct annual pressure tests for oil and gas pools under primary production was rescinded.

A draft of the directive was released on June 2, 2021, and public feedback was accepted through July 4, 2021 (see [Bulletin 2021-21](#)). A summary of the feedback, including our responses, is available on the directive's webpage.

The revised edition of *Directive 040* is available on our website, [www.aer.ca](http://www.aer.ca) > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > Directives > [Directive 040](#). If you have any questions, contact our Customer Contact Centre by phone at 1-855-297-8311 or by email at [inquiries@aer.ca](mailto:inquiries@ aer.ca).