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Industrial Heartland Designated Industrial Zone Directive

On September 27, 2022, Alberta Environment and Parks released the Industrial Heartland Designated Industrial Zone Directive with an effective date of October 1, 2022. The directive was developed to improve regulatory consistency and achieve targeted environmental outcomes within the Industrial Heartland Designated Industrial Zone. The directive focuses on aligning conditions under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA)* for all facilities within the zone and clarifies requirements for proponents interested in operating within the zone.

In addition to currently applicable legislation, effective October 1, 2022, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will also apply the directive to all new *EPEA* approvals and renewals it receives. As of October 1, 2022, existing AER approval holders operating within the zone may request a voluntary *EPEA* renewal to apply the directive. The renewal approval will include a condition that the licensee follows the directive.

The Industrial Heartland is northeast of Edmonton and is Alberta's first designated industrial zone. It includes all or portions of the cities of Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan and the counties of Lamont, Strathcona, and Sturgeon. For more information, see the Government of Alberta's [Industrial Heartland Designated Industrial Zone](#) website.

For more information about the Industrial Heartland Designated Industrial Zone contact the Government of Alberta by email at ihcr.programs@gov.ab.ca.

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