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New Edition of *Directive 050*

Today we released a new edition of *Directive 050: Drilling Waste Management*. The changes clarify the requirements, improve regulatory application efficiency, and enable operators to reduce land disturbance from drilling waste management practices. These changes were reflected in the draft directive released on November 19, 2021, on which public feedback was accepted until January 7, 2022 (see [Bulletin 2021-44](#)). A summary is available on the directive webpage of the feedback we received and our responses.

As part of our contribution towards the Government of Alberta's [Red Tape Reduction Act](#), we have streamlined the directive to remove duplicate requirements.

The following sections have been changed or clarified to reflect current regulatory and operational requirements. See the "What's New in this Edition" section for more information.

- section 3.1, "Soil Endpoint Requirements"
- section 6.2, "Sump Construction Requirements"
- section 6.4, "Remote Site Requirements"
- section 6.5, "Earthen-bermed Storage System Requirements"
- section 6.6, "Reuse of a Storage System Requirements"
- section 7.2, "Requirements"
- section 8, "Disposal Onto Forested Public Lands"
- section 9, "Pump-off"
- section 11.2, "Landspray and Landspray While Drilling Receiving Soil Requirements"
- section 12.3, "Landspread Disposal Requirements"
- section 15.3, "Application Information Requirements"
- section 17.3, "Predisposal Notification Requirements"

The revised edition of *Directive 050* is available on our website at www.aer.ca > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > [Directives](#). 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).