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Invitation for Feedback on Revisions to *Directive 065*

We are seeking feedback on updates to *Directive 065: Resources Applications for Oil and Gas Reservoirs*. The proposed changes clarify the application requirements for CO₂ enhanced oil recovery (EOR) storage and CO₂ sequestration schemes, also known as carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) schemes. By clarifying the requirements, we have increased transparency for industry and stakeholders and improved regulatory application efficiency and consistency.

The following sections have been changed or clarified to reflect current regulatory and operational requirements. Refer to “What’s New in this Edition” for more information:

- “Whom to Notify” under the section “Resources Applications Notification Guidelines”
- Unit 2, “Conservation”
- Unit 4, “Disposal/Storage”

To provide feedback on the proposed revisions to *Directive 065*, complete [the public comment form on our website](#). Comments in other formats can be emailed to Directive065@aer.ca or mailed to Alberta Energy Regulator, Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4. Feedback will be accepted through **July 10, 2022**.

All feedback received will be reviewed and may be used in finalizing *Directive 065*. The comments provided through this consultation will form part of the public record and may be attributed to the specific individuals who provided them. Personal information provided with comments will be collected, used, and disclosed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. We may use the personal contact information you provide for follow-up communication related to your feedback.

This is the first of many regulatory changes related to CCUS. *Directive 065* is the first and enables us to process subsurface applications. The following directives will also be updated in the near future:

- [Directive 013: Suspension Requirements for Wells](#)
- [Directive 020: Well Abandonment](#)
- [Directive 051: Injection and Disposal Wells — Well Classifications, Completions, Logging, and Testing Requirements](#)

- [*Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules*](#) (We will be updating participant involvement requirements to ensure sufficient notification radii for facilities and pipelines that handle CO2 and for CO2 injection wells.)
- [*Directive 071: Emergency Preparedness and Response Requirements for the Petroleum Industry*](#)
- [*Directive 087: Well Integrity Management*](#)

The revised edition of *Directive 065* 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).