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## Invitation for Feedback on Revisions to Draft *Directive 023*

We are seeking feedback on updates to the draft of *Directive 023: Oil Sands Project Applications* that was released in 2013.

The primary changes are as follows:

- Removed duplicate requirements that exist in other directives (e.g., *Directive 085: Fluid Tailings Management for Oil Sands Mining Projects*) or provincial legislation.
- Aligned socioeconomic requirements with the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, as well as clarified socioeconomic requirements for applications without an environmental impact assessment.
- Moved all reservoir containment requirements from *Directive 086: Reservoir Containment Application Requirements for Steam-Assisted Gravity Drainage Projects in the Shallow Athabasca Oil Sands Area* into section 7 of this directive.

To provide feedback on the proposed revisions to *Directive 023*, complete [the public comment form on our website](#). Comments in other formats can be emailed to [RegManagement@aer.ca](mailto:RegManagement@aer.ca) or mailed to Alberta Energy Regulator, Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4. Feedback will be accepted through **August 26, 2022**.

All feedback received will be reviewed and may be used in finalizing the directive. 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.

The revised edition of *Directive 023* is available on our website at [www.aer.ca](http://www.aer.ca) > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > [Directives](#) under the name “Directive 023 (2022 Draft).” 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).