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New Edition of *Manual 002: Drilling Waste Inspections*

Today we released a new edition of *Manual 002: Drilling Waste Inspections*, which replaces the 2012 edition.

Manual 002 is a reference document for AER staff when conducting drilling waste inspections. Industry may also use it as a reference for drilling waste inspections and as a guide for their own compliance management systems.

The manual is divided into six sections: Notification and Approvals, Storage, Cement Returns, Sampling and Analysis, Disposal, and Treatment. Within each section, noncompliance statements are provided, along with the relevant regulatory references.

We have updated *Manual 002* as follows:

- Added or removed noncompliance statements to reflect the current edition of [Directive 050: Drilling Waste Management](#).
- Added or removed noncompliance statements to reflect other current AER requirements and energy resource enactments (e.g., [Directive 058: Oilfield Waste Management Requirements for the Upstream Petroleum Industry, Oil and Gas Conservation Act](#)).
- Removed the low- and high-risk ratings to align with our [Integrated Compliance Assurance Framework](#) and [Manual 013: Compliance and Enforcement Program](#).
- Formatted the manual to meet our current publication standards.

Manual 002 is not an exhaustive inventory of all drilling waste management requirements. Industry is responsible for understanding and complying with all relevant requirements.

If you have any questions about the revised manual, please contact our Customer Contact Centre by phone at 403-297-8311 (1-855-297-8311 toll free) or by email at [inquiries@aer.ca](mailto:inquiries@ aer.ca).

Manual 002 is available on the AER website, www.aer.ca, under Rules and Directives > [Manuals](#).