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## **New edition of *Directive 056* and *Manual 012* – Geothermal and Brine-Hosted Mineral Resources Amendments**

Today we released a new edition of [Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules](#) and [Manual 012: Energy Development Applications, Procedures, and Schedules](#) as part of the implementation of the geothermal and brine-hosted mineral resource regulatory frameworks. This edition supersedes the March 2 edition of *Directive 056* that was released with the proclamation of the [Brine-Hosted Mineral Resource Development Rules](#).

The following are specific to the March 16 revisions:

- *Directive 056* and *Manual 012* have been updated to align with the OneStop system changes. OneStop functionality and enhancements now include geothermal resources and brine-hosted mineral resources.
- *Directive 056* now includes well, pipeline, and facility licensing requirements for geothermal and brine-hosted mineral development.
- Brine-hosted mineral and geothermal resource development are now both integrated throughout *Manual 012* to reflect the OneStop application process and procedures. However, application guidance for public lands and liability management for brine-hosted mineral and geothermal resource development remains in section 8 of *Manual 012*.
- *Directive 056* and *Manual 012* also include changes relating to licensing of carbon sequestration evaluation wells and carbon sequestration wells, as well as other administrative changes.

The revised editions of *Directive 056* and *Manual 012* are available on our website at [www.aer.ca](http://www.aer.ca) > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > [Directives](#) or [Manuals](#). 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).