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Water (Ministerial) Regulation Amendment

On April 28, 2023, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas announced an amendment to the [*Water \(Ministerial\) Regulation*](#). Details will be available on the ministry's [water legislation and guidelines](#) webpage.

Under specified conditions, stormwater diversions of less than 6250 cubic metres per year are now exempt from requiring a *Water Act* licence. This simplifies the regulation of water diversions for small volumes associated with stormwater runoff and supports achieving the goals of the [Water Conservation Policy for Upstream Oil and Gas Operations](#). The exemption only applies to the *diversion* of water. All other regulatory requirements for the management, handling, and release of water continue to apply.

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