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Release of the *Rock-Hosted Mineral Resource Development Rules and Directive 091: Rock-Hosted Mineral Resource Development*

On December 2, 2021, the *Mineral Resources Development Act (MRDA)* received royal assent. The *MRDA* is being implemented in two phases. The Government of Alberta has now proclaimed the parts of the *MRDA* relating to rock-hosted mineral resources. The *MRDA* empowers the AER as the life-cycle regulator with the authority to provide for the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of Alberta's mineral resources.

Today, we released *Directive 091: Rock-Hosted Mineral Resource Development* as part of the regulatory framework for rock-hosted mineral resource development. *Directive 091* will come into effect once the *Rock-Hosted Mineral Resource Development Rules (RMR)* are in effect. The *RMR* will be available at the [Alberta King's Printer](#). The *RMR* and *Directive 091* set out the requirements that industry must follow for rock-hosted mineral resource development throughout a development's life cycle.

On October 16, 2023, we released a draft directive for public review and comment until November 30, 2023 (see [Bulletin 2023-36](#)). A summary of what we heard and our responses is available on the *Directive 091* landing page.

We are currently developing liability management for rock-hosted mineral resource development as part of our regulatory framework and will hold a separate public comment period for feedback.

Throughout the coming year, we will prepare guidance concerning rock-hosted mineral resource development and make consequential amendments to existing directives to incorporate rock-hosted mineral resource development.

Directive 091 is available on our website at [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.