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Invitation for Feedback on Proposed *Directive 065*

We are seeking feedback on updates to *Directive 065: Resources Applications for Oil and Gas Reservoirs*. Requirements around induced seismicity for fluid disposal activities have been added as section 4.1.8. These requirements apply to all fluid disposal well classes described in *Directive 051: Injection and Disposal Wells – Well Classifications, Completions, Logging, and Testing Requirements*. The proposed changes include

- requirements when applying for new fluid disposal wells,
- requirements when amending the operating conditions of an existing fluid disposal well,
- requirements for existing operating disposal wells that become associated with induced seismicity, and
- requirements for the development and implementation of monitoring, mitigation, and response (MMR) plans.

Additionally, changes to the requirements for acid gas disposal and carbon capture, utilization, and storage have been made:

- Notification requirements in tables 1 and 3 have been expanded to require disposal applicants to notify Crown agreement holders.
- The two-step application process now applies to all enhanced recovery, disposal, and sequestration schemes.
- Requirements around equity for acid gas disposal have been added to section 4.1.3.
- Requirements around containment assurance have been enhanced in section 4.1.5.
- Although all CO₂ sequestration schemes are regulated under *Directive 065*, changes have been made to section 4.1.6, section 4.1.7, and appendix P related to small-scale and remote CO₂ sequestration schemes.

To provide feedback on the proposed revisions to *Directive 065*, complete [the public comment form on our website](#). Comments in other formats can be emailed to [Directive065.Submissions@aer.ca](mailto:Directive065.Submissions@ aer.ca) or mailed to

Alberta Energy Regulator, Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4. Feedback will be accepted through **Monday, September 16, 2024**.

All feedback received will be reviewed and may be used in finalizing *Directive 065*. 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 065* is available on our website at www.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.