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New Edition of *Directive 060*

Today we released a new edition of [*Directive 060: Upstream Petroleum Industry Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting*](#). This directive sets out requirements for flaring, incinerating, and venting in Alberta at all upstream petroleum industry wells and facilities.

The directive includes the following revisions:

- The section numbers have changed from previous editions, and requirements that used to be in various appendices have been moved, unchanged, into the main body of the document.
- The new “General Requirements” section (section 2) contains much of the text that existed in section 1 of the previous edition.
- The content from previous sections 4, 5, and 6 have been consolidated into a single new section 6 titled “Gas Facility and Infrastructure Flaring, Incinerating, and Venting.”
- A new “Emissions Research and Innovation” section (section 5) has been added, addressing emission research and innovation at emissions testing facilities.
- Section 7, “Performance Requirements,” has been updated to allow signoff from a qualified person in lieu of AER approval in some instances.
- Requirements around alternative fugitive emissions management programs (Alt-FEMPs) and FEMPs have been revised by expanding the current number of acceptable FEMPs and providing additional approaches and criteria for what acceptable alt-FEMPs need to include.
- *CSA Z620.3* performance requirements for flaring, incineration, and enclosed combustion have been incorporated.
- Clarification has been added around how these requirements relate to geothermal operations and brine-hosted minerals.
- The definitions of flaring, incineration, and enclosed combustion have been updated.

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Additionally, we are publishing a “what we heard” document containing our responses to comments received during the public comment period.

The revised edition of *Directive 060* and the “what we heard” document is available [on our website](#). If you have any questions, contact our Customer Contact Centre by phone at 1-855-297-8311 or by email at inquiries@aer.ca.