

Bulletin 2020-23

November 4, 2020

Invitation for Feedback on Revisions to *Directive 020*

After a multiyear study, we published [Open File Report 2019-06: A Risk-Based Methodology for Commingled Well Abandonment – Southeastern Alberta Gas Field Case Study](#). Based on the findings of that study, we released [Bulletin 2020-20](#) on September 17, 2020, to inform licensees that we have started accepting nonroutine requests to abandon [commingled wells](#).

We have now made changes to section 5 of [Directive 020: Well Abandonment](#) to allow for *some* routine abandonment of commingled wells that involve qualified subsurface geological strata and corresponding geographic locations. Information on qualified pools will be made available on the *Directive 020* webpage. We are now seeking public feedback on this revision.

To provide feedback, complete the comment form available on our website and email it to Directive020@aer.ca or mail it to the Alberta Energy Regulator, Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4. Feedback will be accepted through Friday, December 4. All feedback received will be reviewed and may be used in finalizing the directive.

Personal information provided with comments will be collected, used, and disclosed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The AER may use the personal contact information you provide for follow-up communication related to your feedback.

The revised edition of *Directive 020* is available on our website, www.aer.ca > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > Directives > [Directive 020](#).