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New AER Jurisdiction Over Borrow Pits Supporting Energy Activities

As of January 1, 2021, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will make decisions on surface material licences, leases, and exploration dispositions for oil and gas operators requiring borrow materials to build roads, pads, etc. to support energy activities. (A “borrow pit” is a small excavation providing materials for use in construction projects.)

We only decide on applications that meet the following criteria. All other applications remain the jurisdiction of Alberta Environment and Parks:

- Only sand, silt, or clay materials are removed.
- The materials are used to support an energy resource activity.
- The materials cannot be sold.

Until these applications are added to OneStop, applications should continue to be submitted through the current Alberta Environment and Parks process.

For more details on the process, please refer to the *Borrow Pits on Public Lands: Operational Guidance Fact Sheet*. If you have any questions or comments, contact the Customer Contact Centre by phone at 1-855-297-8311 or email at [inquiries@aer.ca](mailto:inquiries@ aer.ca).