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New Edition of *Directive 020: Well Abandonment*

Today we released a new edition of *Directive 020: Well Abandonment*. Section 5 has been updated to allow for *select* routine abandonment of commingled wells that involve qualified subsurface geological strata in corresponding geographic locations. Information on qualified pools is available on the *Directive 020* webpage. We will update this information as we evaluate more pools. We continue to accept all nonroutine requests related to commingled abandonments.

A draft of the directive was released November 4, 2020, and public feedback was accepted through December 4, 2020 (see [Bulletin 2020-23](#)). A summary of the feedback, including our responses, is available on the directive's webpage.

Additional amendments to *Directive 020* have also been made as part of our contributions towards the Government of Alberta's *Red Tape Reduction Act*. Please refer to *Bulletin 2020-07* and the directive's "What's New" section for further information.

The revised edition of *Directive 020* is available on our website, www.aer.ca > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > Directives > [Directive 020](#). If you have any questions, please contact WellOperations@aer.ca.