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Invitation for Feedback on *Directives 055* and *058*

We are seeking feedback on new editions of [Directive 055](#): *Storage Requirements for the Upstream Petroleum Industry* and [Directive 058](#): *Oilfield Waste Management Requirements for the Upstream Petroleum Industry*. These directives were updated to incorporate the storage of large volumes of water such as produced water, water-based flowback, and oilfield landfill leachate in storage devices for reuse in hydraulic fracturing. In addition, the directives were revised to provide greater clarity and to remove redundant and outdated requirements.

Directive 055 now includes technical requirements for engineered containment ponds and bladders with structural frames, and expanded requirements for aboveground synthetically lined walled storage systems.

Directive 058 now includes storage of water for reuse in hydraulic fracturing as a waste storage activity.

Several ancillary documents were also consolidated in the directives, including addendums, interim directives, informational letters, reports, and bulletins.

To provide feedback on the proposed revisions to the directives, complete the comment form available on the [Directive 055](#) and [Directive 058](#) webpages. Send feedback by email to RegManagement@aer.ca or by mail to the Alberta Energy Regulator, Attention: Regulatory Enhancement, Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4. Feedback will be accepted through Sunday, July 25. All feedback received will be reviewed and may be used in finalizing the directives.

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.

This opportunity to provide feedback on the directives builds on our engagement with indigenous peoples, industry, municipalities, environmental nongovernmental organizations, landowners, and others during the initial development of the updates to the directives.

The draft editions of the directives are available on our website, www.aer.ca > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > [Directives](#). For more information, contact our Customer Contact Centre by phone at 403-297-8311 (1-855-297-8311 toll free) or by email at inquiries@aer.ca.