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New Edition of *Directive 065*

Today we released a new edition of [Directive 065: Resources Applications for Oil and Gas Reservoirs](#). The changes amend requirements for acid gas disposal and carbon dioxide (CO₂) sequestration schemes. We have also introduced requirements around induced seismicity for fluid disposal activities. These changes were reflected in the draft directive released on July 18, 2024, on which public feedback was accepted until September 16, 2024 (see [Bulletin 2024-18](#)). A summary of the feedback we received and our responses is available on the directive webpage.

Changes were made to requirements in the following scenarios:

- applying for new fluid disposal wells
- amending the operating conditions of an existing fluid disposal well
- existing operating disposal wells that are associated with induced seismicity
- developing and implementing monitoring, mitigation, and response plans

Additionally, the following changes to requirements around acid gas disposal and CO₂ sequestration schemes have been made:

- Notification requirements in tables 1 and 3 have been expanded to require disposal applicants to notify Crown agreement holders.
- The two-step application process now applies to all enhanced recovery, disposal, and CO₂ sequestration schemes.
- Requirements around equity for acid gas disposal have been added to section 4.1.3.
- Requirements around containment assurance have been changed in section 4.1.5.
- Although all CO₂ sequestration schemes are regulated under *Directive 065*, changes have been made to section 4.1.6, section 4.1.7, and appendix P related to small-scale and remote CO₂ sequestration schemes.

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