

Proceeding ID 363
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By email only

Site Visit and Hearing Processes

To all interested parties:

I am writing to you on behalf of the AER hearing panel to provide information and seek your feedback in relation to the above captioned proceeding. In particular, the panel is seeking confirmation on participation in the hearing and comments about what dates and times are most suitable for scheduling a visit to the well lease site that is the subject of CNRL's reclamation certificate application, located at Legal Subdivision (LSD) 6 of Section 24, Township 37, Range 12, and west of the 4th Meridian (the site).

Site Visit

The preliminary details of the proposed site visit are as follows:

- In advance of the site visit, a map of the site will be developed by AER staff and shared with the parties. The parties will identify specific areas on the map which will be visited, with brief annotations explaining the reasons for visiting those areas. For example, if there is a specific area of concern on the site that is relevant and material to the panel's consideration of the reclamation certificate application that should be identified in advance, on the map.
- Once the map is completed and agreed upon by the parties, the date and timing of the site visit will be confirmed.
- Both parties, if available and wishing to attend, their legal representatives, the AER hearing panel and AER staff assigned to assist the hearing panel will meet at the site at the same time.

- Following introductions and confirmation that all required parties are in attendance, no further verbal communication can occur once the site visit has started. No additional information can be provided to the panel by either party on the site visit.
- At the request of the panel or a party, pictures of the site may be taken by AER staff, including any specific areas of interest identified by the parties. The pictures will be made available to the parties and will become hearing exhibits which the parties can speak to in their submissions and at the hearing.

The AER is looking to conduct the site visit no later than August 2018. If necessary, a meeting can be scheduled between the parties and AER staff to further delineate and agree upon the process for the site visit.

Please provide your comments on the following by June 14, 2018:

1. the proposed site visit process,
2. what dates the site visit should occur, as well as any seasonal considerations that should be taken into account in scheduling the site visit,
3. any dates that you are not available for the site visit,

Hearing

a. Request to Participate process

Typically, persons wishing to participate in a hearing must file a written request to participate in accordance with section 9 of the *Alberta Energy Regulator Rules of Practice (Rules of Practice)*. Given that Drylander Ranch Ltd. has an interest in the land for which CNRL is seeking a reclamation certificate, the panel has decided that Mr. Heidecker (on behalf of Drylander Ranch Ltd.) will be registered as a participant in the hearing and it is therefore not necessary for Mr. Heidecker to file requests to participate in the hearing. The panel has therefore waived the requirement for Mr. Heidecker to file a request to participate on behalf of Drylander Ranch Ltd., and grants full participatory rights in the hearing.

The panel notes that Mr. Heidecker has recently confirmed in writing that he will participate in the hearing. Unless the panel directs otherwise, any other person interested in participating in the hearing will be required to file a written request to participate in accordance with the Notice of Hearing for this proceeding.

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b. Hearing Date and Submissions

The dates for the hearing and the schedule for filing written submissions will largely depend upon the timing of the site visit. Once the details and scheduling of the site visit is confirmed, and any additional requests to participate have been considered and decided by the panel, additional correspondence will be sent requesting the parties' available dates for a hearing.

For questions about the information session or AER processes, please contact me at 403-297- 8288, or via e-mail at hearing.services@aer.ca .

Sincerely,

<Original signed by Dean Campbell for>

Tara Wheaton, Hearing Coordinator
Alberta Energy Regulator