



## Preapplication Concern Fact sheet

This fact sheet will help you understand what to do if you have concerns about a particular energy development activity for which no application has been submitted to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER).

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### What is a preapplication concern?

A preapplication concern is a written submission that outlines specific concerns about a particular energy development activity for which no application has been submitted to the AER.

It is a summary of the concerns that you would like the energy company to address, or of how you believe the activity could affect you or the land that you have an interest in.

A preapplication concern is different from a [statement of concern](#) because it's not specific to an application; therefore, it's not included in the AER's review of an application.

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### What do I do with my preapplication concern?

The AER expects energy companies and concerned parties to work together to address concerns. Therefore, it's important that you share your concerns with the company, which can be done by sending your preapplication concern directly to the company.

You can also send a copy of your preapplication concern to the AER at [engagement@aer.ca](mailto:engagement@aer.ca) or by mail to

Alberta Energy Regulator  
Suite 1000, 250 – 5 St SW  
Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4  
Attn: External Relations – Engagement and Communications Branch

AER staff will respond to preapplication concerns that are about a particular energy development activity and inform you of the options available to you.

The Alberta Energy Regulator ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources over their entire life cycle. This includes allocating and conserving water resources, managing public lands, and protecting the environment while providing economic benefits for all Albertans.



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## What information should I include in my preapplication concern?

If possible, please provide the AER with the following:

- Your name, phone number, and email or mailing address.
- The name of the company proposing the energy development activity.
- The type of proposed energy development activity (e.g., well, coal mine, *Water Act* approval, etc.).
- The legal land location of the proposed energy development activity (e.g., SW 00-000-00W0M).
- The legal land location of your residence or of the land that you have an interest in (e.g., SW 00-000-00W0M).
- A summary of your concerns or of how you believe the proposed energy development activity could affect you or the land that you have an interest in.
- Any history or background information that might provide additional insight.

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## How will I know whether a company has submitted an application to the AER?

Once the AER receives an application, a general public notice is given through the [public notice of application](#) and [notices](#) webpages on the AER website, [www.aer.ca](http://www.aer.ca).

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## What are the requirements for a company when there are known concerns?

When a company submits an application to the AER, it must follow all AER notification and consultation requirements.

If you have informed the company of your concerns about a particular energy development activity, you are considered a party with known concerns. Once the company submits an application, the AER expects it to send the notice of application directly to anyone who has previously raised concerns about the proposed energy development activity.

The notice will provide you with information about the application and about filing a statement of concern that is specific to the application.

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## What if the company has already submitted an application to the AER?

If you have concerns about an energy development activity for which an application is being reviewed by the AER, you can file a statement of concern that is specific to the application. Statements of concern must be submitted before the deadline listed on the notice of application, which is available on the AER website.

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## **I filed a preapplication concern; do I still need to file a statement of concern?**

Yes, if you continue to have concerns after an application has been submitted to the AER then you must file a statement of concern. A preapplication concern is not included in the AER's review of an application.

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## **What if I have concerns about an existing energy activity?**

If you have concerns about the operations of an existing energy activity (e.g., noise or odour complaints), please call the AER's Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hr Response Line at 1-800-222-6514.

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## **What options are available to me to address my concern?**

The AER has an [alternative dispute resolution \(ADR\)](#) program to help those with concerns work with energy companies. A professional mediator can discuss this program and other options with you. More information about this program is available at [www.aer.ca](http://www.aer.ca).

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## **Where can I find more information?**

Visit [www.aer.ca](http://www.aer.ca) to learn more about [how to get involved](#) with energy development in your area.

If you have questions about your concerns or about the ADR program, please email our External Engagement team at [engagement@er.ca](mailto:engagement@er.ca).

If you have general or regulatory questions, please contact our Customer Contact Centre toll free at 1-855-297-8311 or by email at [inquiries@er.ca](mailto:inquiries@er.ca).

In the event of an emergency, please call our Energy and Environmental Emergency 24-Hr Response Line at 1-800-222-6514.