

Closure Nomination

Those who qualify can nominate eligible inactive or abandoned oil and gas wells and facilities for closure.

What is closure?

Closure is the process of permanently ending energy resource development at a site once oil or gas production has ended. The company must return the site to equivalent land capability—or to a state similar to what it was in before development taking place.

Who can nominate a well or facility for closure?

Only individuals who meet eligibility criteria can nominate a well or facility for closure. Eligible requesters are defined in section 3.016 of the *Oil and Gas Conservation Rules* and include the following:

- private landowners
- First Nation band councils
- the council or chairperson of a Métis settlement
- a municipal councillor or chief elected official (e.g., mayor or reeve)
- disposition holders
- minister of Energy or minister of Environment and Protected Areas

An eligible requester may only nominate wells or facilities that are on lands over which they have authority. For example, a municipal councillor or chief elected official may nominate eligible wells or facilities on land owned by a municipality. Government ministers may nominate eligible wells or facilities situated on public lands.

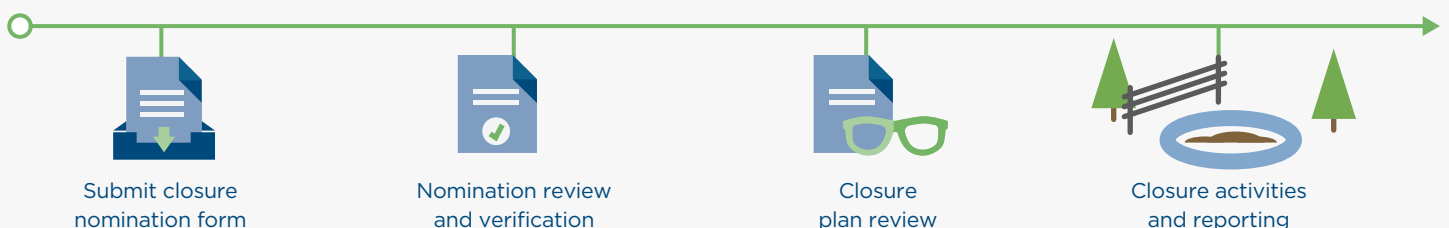
What is an eligible well or facility?

As defined in the *Oil and Gas Conservation Rules*, a well or facility that is eligible for nomination must be in Alberta, regulated by the AER, and must be abandoned or inactive for at least five years.

How will the process work?

We will review each nomination, verify all information, and then notify the parties involved. Once a nomination is accepted, the licensee of the well or facility is required to develop a closure plan.

CLOSURE NOMINATION PROCESS





How can I nominate a well or facility?

To nominate a well or facility, complete the [closure nomination form](#) on aer.ca or, if you require assistance, email closure.nomination@aer.ca. For more information about the process to nominate a site for closure, visit our [Closure Nomination](#) page on aer.ca.

When will the nominated well or facility be closed?

Closure takes time and may take 10 years or more, depending on the complexity of the site. There are multiple phases of closure, including abandonment, environmental site assessments, remediation, and reclamation.

Up-to-date information about the status of closure activities for each nomination that the AER has accepted can be found on the [closure nomination dashboard](#) on aer.ca.

QUESTIONS?



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