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Temporarily suspended requirements to resume July 15

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All temporarily suspended reporting and monitoring requirements will come back into effect on July 15, 2020. The Alberta Energy Regulator's (AER) decision to end its temporary suspensions follows steps taken by the Government of Alberta, including the repeal of <u>Ministerial Order</u> <u>219/2020</u> and <u>Ministerial Order 17/2020</u>.

Timely action was necessary to help protect the public and ensure worker health and safety. The AER is returning to normal regulatory processes, which includes opportunities for public feedback and input on AER applications.

The AER is sharing information regarding the resumption of monitoring activities directly with a number of groups across the province and will be reaching out to indigenous communities and stakeholders to discuss how we can better work together.

The AER 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 and human safety while providing economic benefits for all Albertans.

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Backgrounder: Temporary suspension of low risk monitoring and reporting

On <u>March 31</u> and <u>April 6</u>, the Government of Alberta released ministerial orders that temporarily suspended some low risk reporting requirements that would be difficult for industry to perform given the public health orders. On April 9 and 14, the <u>AER clarified</u> how the ministerial orders affected the AER's regulated community and established a dedicated <u>webpage</u> for additional industry relief measures and information. From April 29 to May 5, the AER released <u>decisions</u> specifically for oil sands operators that temporarily suspended low risk reporting and monitoring requirements. On May 20, the AER released <u>decisions</u> to temporarily suspend some low risk reporting and monitoring requirements for in situ and conventional oil and gas operations. On June 23, the Government of Alberta announced that <u>Ministerial</u>

Order 219/2020 and Ministerial Order 17/2020 will be repealed July 15. More information can be found on our website.