

SRD Enhanced Approval Process

Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) is working with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) to transform the approval system for upstream oil and gas dispositions for all activities excluding in-situ and oil sand mines operations, for these four disposition types:

- Mineral Surface Lease (MSL)
- Licence of Occupation (LOC)
- Pipeline Agreement (PLA)
- Pipeline Installation Lease (PIL)

The new process will:

- Streamline application processing
- Provide up-front planning tools to identify landscape sensitivities
- Provide standards, conditions, guidelines, and pre-application information for industrial planning, approvals, and operations
- Reduce application processing timelines
- Refocus on compliance assurance instead of upfront field review

Starting September 1, 2010, companies, land agents, land administrators and consultants must apply online using the Enhanced Approval Process (EAP) for their upstream oil and gas dispositions to take advantage of this streamlined process.

Please visit the following link for further information:

<http://www.srd.alberta.ca/MapsFormsPublications/OnlineServices/EnhancedApprovalProcess/Default.aspx>. Additional information will be provided on SRD's website in the coming weeks featuring:

- frequently asked questions;
- online user guides;
- webinar information; and
- disposition application instructions and links.

It is part of SRD's mandate to ensure sustainable resource development on public lands and enhance Alberta's economic competitiveness. We are partnering with other ministries to streamline the regulatory framework for the upstream oil and gas sector, reduce red tape, and make it easier for Albertans and investors to work with government.