# PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

# REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF THE OIL AND GAS COMMISSION

# Oil and Gas Activities Act

The Board of the Oil and Gas Commission orders that

- (a) the Dormancy and Shutdown Regulation, B.C. Reg. 112/2019, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 1,
- (b) the Drilling and Production Regulation, B.C. Reg. 282/2010, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 2,
- (c) the Geophysical Exploration Regulation, B.C. Reg. 280/2010, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 3,
- (d) the Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Regulation, B.C. Reg. 146/2014, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 4,
- (e) the Oil and Gas Processing Facility Regulation, B.C. Reg. 48/2021, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 5,
- (f) the Oil and Gas Road Regulation, B.C. Reg. 56/2013, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 6, and
- (g) the Pipeline Regulation, B.C. Reg. 281/2010, is amended as set out in the attached Appendix 7.

**DEPOSITED** 

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| Chair, Board of Directors |                   | Date  |           |
| Authority under whi       | ch Order is made: | ninistrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)  B.C. 2008, c. 36, ss. 106, 111 and 111.1 |           |
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## APPENDIX 1

Division 3 of Part 2 of the Dormancy and Shutdown Regulation, B.C. Reg. 112/2019, is amended by adding the following section:

#### Invasive plant compliance record

- A person who carries out oil and gas activities within an operating area must prepare and maintain an invasive plant compliance record that describes the activities carried out for the purpose of complying with the obligations described in section 15 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation, including all of the following:
  - (a) the assessment and monitoring activities carried out for the purpose of determining whether invasive plants
    - (i) are present or established, or may become established, or
    - (ii) have spread to adjacent areas;
  - (b) the location, type and distribution of each species of invasive plants found through assessment and monitoring activities;
  - (c) the activities carried out for the purpose of preventing the following:
    - (i) the transportation of seed, plant parts or propagules of invasive plants;
    - (ii) the establishment of invasive plants, including the removal of invasive plants;
  - (d) the revegetation activities carried out, including the plant species used for revegetation;
  - (e) the activities carried out for the purpose of ensuring that revegetated plants are successfully established;
  - (f) with respect to the activities described in this subsection,
    - (i) the dates on which the activities were carried out, and
    - (ii) the processes and equipment used in carrying out the activities;
  - (g) the qualifications of the persons
    - (i) carrying out assessment and monitoring activities, and
    - (ii) supervising the activities described in this subsection.
- 2 Section 26 is repealed and the following substituted:

## Records

The records, reports and plans required under this regulation are prescribed for the purposes of section 38 of the Act.

## APPENDIX 2

1 The Drilling and Production Regulation, B.C. Reg. 282/2010, is amended by adding the following section:

## Invasive plant compliance record

- 40.1 A person who carries out oil and gas activities within an operating area must prepare and maintain an invasive plant compliance record that describes the activities carried out for the purpose of complying with the obligations described in section 15 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation, including all of the following:
  - (a) the assessment and monitoring activities carried out for the purpose of determining whether invasive plants
    - (i) are present or established, or may become established, or
    - (ii) have spread to adjacent areas;
  - (b) the location, type and distribution of each species of invasive plants found through assessment and monitoring activities;
  - (c) the activities carried out for the purpose of preventing the following:
    - (i) the transportation of seed, plant parts or propagules of invasive plants;
    - (ii) the establishment of invasive plants, including the removal of invasive plants;
  - (d) the revegetation activities carried out, including the plant species used for revegetation;
  - (e) the activities carried out for the purpose of ensuring that revegetated plants are successfully established;
  - (f) with respect to the activities described in this subsection,
    - (i) the dates on which the activities were carried out, and
    - (ii) the processes and equipment used in carrying out the activities;
  - (g) the qualifications of the persons
    - (i) carrying out assessment and monitoring activities, and
    - (ii) supervising the activities described in this subsection.
- 2 The following Part is added:

## PART 9 - RECORDS.

## **Records generally**

The records, reports and plans required under this regulation are prescribed for the purposes of section 38 of the Act.

#### APPENDIX 3

1 The Geophysical Exploration Regulation, B.C. Reg. 280/2010, is amended by adding the following sections:

## Invasive plant compliance record

- 11.1 A person who carries out geophysical exploration within an operating area must prepare and maintain an invasive plant compliance record that describes the activities carried out for the purpose of complying with the obligations described in section 15 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation, including all of the following:
  - (a) the assessment and monitoring activities carried out for the purpose of determining whether invasive plants
    - (i) are present or established, or may become established, or
    - (ii) have spread to adjacent areas;
  - (b) the location, type and distribution of each species of invasive plants found through assessment and monitoring activities;
  - (c) the activities carried out for the purpose of preventing the following:
    - (i) the transportation of seed, plant parts or propagules of invasive plants;
    - (ii) the establishment of invasive plants, including the removal of invasive plants;
  - (d) the revegetation activities carried out, including the plant species used for revegetation;
  - (e) the activities carried out for the purpose of ensuring that revegetated plants are successfully established;
  - (f) with respect to the activities described in this subsection,
    - (i) the dates on which the activities were carried out, and
    - (ii) the processes and equipment used in carrying out the activities;
  - (g) the qualifications of the persons
    - (i) carrying out assessment and monitoring activities, and
    - (ii) supervising the activities described in this subsection.

## Records

The records, reports and plans required under this regulation are prescribed for the purposes of section 38 of the Act.

## APPENDIX 4

1 The Liquefied Natural Gas Facility Regulation, B.C. Reg. 146/2014, is amended by adding the following sections:

# Invasive plant compliance record

23.1 (1) A person who carries out oil and gas activities within an operating area must prepare and maintain an invasive plant compliance record that describes the activities carried out for the purpose of complying with the obligations described in section 15 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation, including all of the following:

- (a) the assessment and monitoring activities carried out for the purpose of determining whether invasive plants
  - (i) are present or established, or may become established, or
  - (ii) have spread to adjacent areas;
- (b) the location, type and distribution of each species of invasive plants found through assessment and monitoring activities;
- (c) the activities carried out for the purpose of preventing the following:
  - (i) the transportation of seed, plant parts or propagules of invasive plants;
  - (ii) the establishment of invasive plants, including the removal of invasive plants;
- (d) the revegetation activities carried out, including the plant species used for revegetation;
- (e) the activities carried out for the purpose of ensuring that revegetated plants are successfully established;
- (f) with respect to the activities described in this subsection,
  - (i) the dates on which the activities were carried out, and
  - (ii) the processes and equipment used in carrying out the activities;
- (g) the qualifications of the persons
  - (i) carrying out assessment and monitoring activities, and
  - (ii) supervising the activities described in this subsection.

## Records

**24.1** The records, reports and plans required under this regulation are prescribed for the purposes of section 38 of the Act.

#### APPENDIX 5

1 The Oil and Gas Processing Facility Regulation, B.C. Reg. 48/2021, is amended by adding the following section:

## Invasive plant compliance record

- A person who carries out oil and gas activities within an operating area must prepare and maintain an invasive plant compliance record that describes the activities carried out for the purpose of complying with the obligations described in section 15 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation, including all of the following:
  - (a) the assessment and monitoring activities carried out for the purpose of determining whether invasive plants
    - (i) are present or established, or may become established, or
    - (ii) have spread to adjacent areas;
  - (b) the location, type and distribution of each species of invasive plants found through assessment and monitoring activities;

- (c) the activities carried out for the purpose of preventing the following:
  - (i) the transportation of seed, plant parts or propagules of invasive plants;
  - (ii) the establishment of invasive plants, including the removal of invasive plants;
- (d) the revegetation activities carried out, including the plant species used for revegetation;
- (e) the activities carried out for the purpose of ensuring that revegetated plants are successfully established;
- (f) with respect to the activities described in this subsection,
  - (i) the dates on which the activities were carried out, and
  - (ii) the processes and equipment used in carrying out the activities;
- (g) the qualifications of the persons
  - (i) carrying out assessment and monitoring activities, and
  - (ii) supervising the activities described in this subsection.

# 2 Section 29 is amended by adding the following row to the end of the table:

| Item | Column 1<br>Records | Column 2<br>Retention  |
|------|---------------------|--|
|      |                     | A certificate of restoration is issued with respect to the facility site |

## 3 Section 30 is repealed and the following substituted:

#### Records

The records, reports and plans required under this regulation are prescribed for the purposes of section 38 of the Act.

#### APPENDIX 6

- 1 Section 9 (4) of the Oil and Gas Road Regulation, B.C. Reg. 56/2013, is repealed.
- 2 The following section is added:

## Invasive plant compliance record

- A person who carries out oil and gas activities within an operating area must prepare and maintain an invasive plant compliance record that describes the activities carried out for the purpose of complying with the obligations described in section 11.2 of this regulation and section 15 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation, including all of the following:
  - (a) the assessment and monitoring activities carried out for the purpose of determining whether invasive plants
    - (i) are present or established, or may become established, or
    - (ii) have spread to adjacent areas;

- (b) the location, type and distribution of each species of invasive plants found through assessment and monitoring activities;
- (c) the activities carried out for the purpose of preventing the following:
  - (i) the transportation of seed, plant parts or propagules of invasive plants;
  - (ii) the establishment of invasive plants, including the removal of invasive plants;
- (d) the revegetation activities carried out, including the plant species used for revegetation;
- (e) the activities carried out for the purpose of ensuring that revegetated plants are successfully established;
- (f) with respect to the activities described in this subsection,
  - (i) the dates on which the activities were carried out, and
  - (ii) the processes and equipment used in carrying out the activities;
- (g) the qualifications of the persons
  - (i) carrying out assessment and monitoring activities, and
  - (ii) supervising the activities described in this subsection.
- 3 Section 23 (6) is repealed.
- 4 The heading to Part 7 is repealed and the following substituted:

## PART 7 - GENERAL.

5 The following section is added:

#### Records

The records and reports required under this regulation are prescribed for the purposes of section 38 of the Act.

## APPENDIX 7

1 The Pipeline Regulation, B.C. Reg. 281/2010, is amended by adding the following sections:

## Invasive plant compliance record

- A person who carries out oil and gas activities within an operating area must prepare and maintain an invasive plant compliance record that describes the activities carried out for the purpose of complying with the obligations described in section 15 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation, including all of the following:
  - (a) the assessment and monitoring activities carried out for the purpose of determining whether invasive plants
    - (i) are present or established, or may become established, or

- (ii) have spread to adjacent areas;
- (b) the location, type and distribution of each species of invasive plants found through assessment and monitoring activities;
- (c) the activities carried out for the purpose of preventing the following:
  - (i) the transportation of seed, plant parts or propagules of invasive plants:
  - (ii) the establishment of invasive plants, including the removal of invasive plants;
- (d) the revegetation activities carried out, including the plant species used for revegetation;
- (e) the activities carried out for the purpose of ensuring that revegetated plants are successfully established;
- (f) with respect to the activities described in this subsection,
  - (i) the dates on which the activities were carried out, and
  - (ii) the processes and equipment used in carrying out the activities;
- (g) the qualifications of the persons
  - (i) carrying out assessment and monitoring activities, and
  - (ii) supervising the activities described in this subsection.

#### Records

13.1 The records, reports and plans required under this regulation are prescribed for the purposes of section 38 of the Act.