
GENERAL ORDER 2026-0091-01
Section 49 *Energy Resource Activities Act*

Issued to:

Bench Creek Resources Ltd.
57017 Range Road 141
Yellowhead County, Alberta T7E 3Z7

Attention: Mr. Marty Clark

Order:

Pursuant to section 49(1)(d) of the *Energy Resource Activities Act* (the Act), I, Robert Workman, order that Bench Creek Resources Ltd. (Bench) must pay to the BC Energy Regulator (Regulator) on or before August 28, 2026, an orphan site restoration levy fee in the amount of \$249,042.32 CAD.

Conditions:

- A. This order shall remain in effect until amended or terminated in whole or in part by the BC Energy Regulator (Regulator).

Reasons:

I make this order for the following reasons:

- i. Bench is a holder of well permits and facility permits that meet the definition of “designated permit” under section 24.2 of the Fee, Levy and Security Regulation.
- ii. Section 24.3(1) of the Fee, Levy and Security Regulation states the following:
 - a) 24.3 (1) Holders of a designated permit on April 1 of each year must pay an orphan site restoration levy of \$24 million, apportioned among the permit holders based on their situations on that date.
- iii. Section 24.4 of the Fee, Levy and Security Regulation states the following:
 - a) A permit holder who is required to pay an orphan site restoration levy must pay the amount required under section 47 (2) of the Act within 15 days after receiving an invoice for that amount from the regulator.

- iv. On April 1, 2026, the Regulator sent invoice 003246-2027-OL to Bench Creek for payment in the amount of \$249,042.32 CAD (Orphan Site Restoration Levy) due no later than May 1, 2026.
- v. On May 11, 2026, the Regulator sent an e-mail to Bench Creek reminding that invoice 003246-2027-OL was 41 days overdue.
- vi. On June 2, 2026, the Regulator issued CMIS non-compliance notice 2026-0333 to Bench regarding the outstanding Orphan Site Restoration Levy.
- vii. On June 11, 2026, the Regulator sent a letter to Bench demanding payment of the outstanding Orphan Site Restoration Levy.
- viii. On June 17, 2026, the Regulator issued CMIS non-compliance reminder 2026-0333-01 to Bench regarding the Orphan Site Restoration Levy, which remained outstanding.
- ix. On July 7, 2026, Bench e-mailed the Regulator advising that the Orphan Site Restoration Levy would be paid by July 31, 2026.
- x. To date, Bench has not provided payment to the Regulator to satisfy the outstanding Orphan Site Restoration Levy.
- xi. I am of the opinion that Bench is not in compliance with section 24.4 of the Fee, Levy and Security Regulation.

Review or Appeal

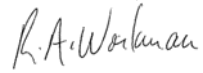
Bench may request a review of this order under section 70 of the Act or appeal this order under section 72 of the Act. Both a review and an appeal of the order cannot be commenced simultaneously.

A request for review may be sent to: determinationreviews@bc-er.ca.

Alternatively, a notice of appeal may be sent to the Energy Resource Appeal Tribunal info@bcerat.ca or mailed to:

Energy Resource Appeal Tribunal
PO Box 9425 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9V1

Information regarding the process for appeals may be found at www.bcerat.ca



R. A. Workman
Manager, Enforcement
BC Energy Regulator

DATED AT Fort St. John, in the Province of British Columbia, this 24th day of August, 2026.