

What is the BC Energy Regulator (BCER)?

The BCER is the regulatory agency responsible for overseeing energy activities in British Columbia. Our role includes the management of natural gas, hydrogen, ammonia, methanol, oil and aspects of geothermal resources, with an expanded role in carbon capture and storage (CCS). In 2025, our mandate grew to include [wind and solar](#) projects and the oversight of natural resource authorizations for prescribed [transmission lines](#), with the potential to regulate additional types of renewable energy sources in future.

We regulate energy resources through the [Energy Resource Activities Act \(ERAA\)](#), the [Renewable Energy Projects \(Streamlined Permitting\) Act \(REPA\)](#) and other associated acts and regulations.

What Do We Do?

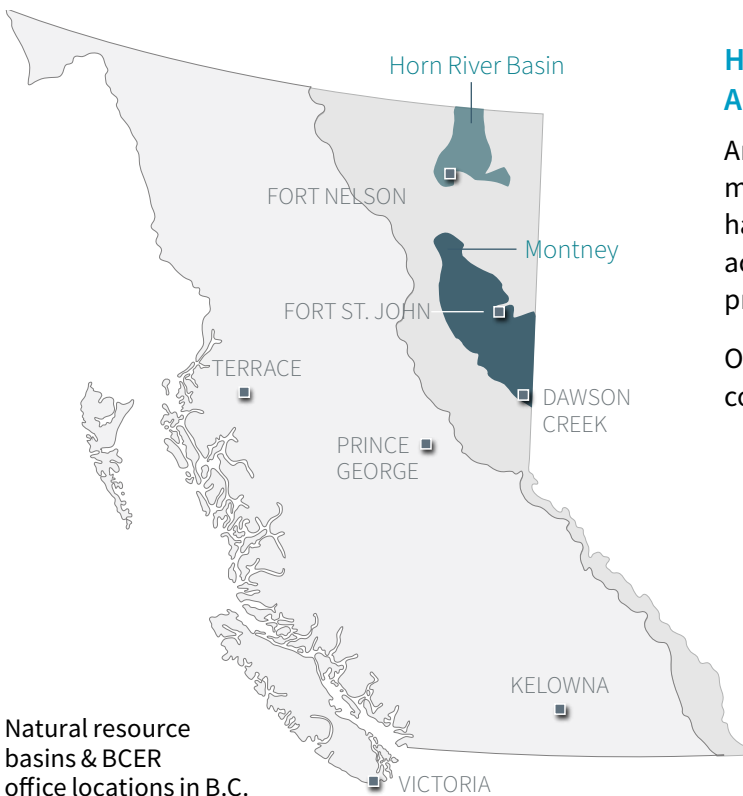
We oversee the full life cycle of energy resource activities from exploration and site planning to final site restoration. We ensure activities are undertaken in a manner that protects public safety and the environment, supports reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, conserves energy resources and fosters a sound economy and social well-being.



Our Vision

A resilient energy future where B.C.'s energy resource activities are safe, environmentally leading and socially responsible.

We work to ensure companies develop energy resources responsibly, the environment and public safety are protected and those with concerns have the opportunity to have their voice heard.



Natural resource basins & BCER office locations in B.C.

How Do We Effectively Oversee Energy Resource Activities?

Any company looking to explore, develop, produce and market energy resources in B.C. must apply to the BCER. We have the legislative authority to make decisions on proposed activities, and with our diverse expertise and experience, we provide critical insight at every level of development.

Over 300 highly skilled professionals across the province are committed to safe and responsible energy resource management.

Our team includes:

- Engineers
- Hydrologists
- Foresters
- Natural Resource Officers
- Agrologists
- Geologists
- Landowner Liaisons
- Compliance & Enforcement Officers
- Environmental Specialists
- First Nations Liaisons
- Aboriginal Liaison Program Coordinators
- Heritage Conservation Officers
- Emergency Management Specialists

Key Priorities

Transparency

We are improving public understanding and trust in our role within the energy sector we regulate. We do this by being transparent and continually sharing information on how we proactively engage with [First Nations communities](#), industry, academia, stakeholders and governments in order to make responsible, progressive and informed decisions.

Meaningful Reconciliation & Partnerships

We are focused on advancing reconciliation and building trust with First Nations communities. We respect Indigenous knowledge as we collaborate and co-develop new processes in all facets of our work and decision-making. We work to honour Indigenous rights, titles and values as we enhance our Indigenous relations and capacity at the BCER.

Safety

We monitor, inspect, audit and enforce the life cycle of regulated activities, ensuring technical assessments, safety and stewardship measures are effective and reflect best practice. Our annual safety audits of pipelines and facilities are shared publicly to provide insight into operator performance and compliance.

Responsible Resource Development

We use trusted processes and embrace innovative technologies to ensure energy resource activities are developed, managed, maintained and restored in a manner that fully considers the province's resources, the environment, community well-being and the rights of land owners. We are building better processes that consider cumulative effects while accelerating stewardship and restoration activities.

Priority Highlights

1-877-500-BCER

We have a province-wide toll-free phone number for reporting concerns or emergencies.

Our key priorities include safety and transparency with the public.

1-877-500-BCER is staffed 24/7.



3,300+ consultations*

Nearly all proposed activities require consultation with First Nations.

We respect Indigenous knowledge and seek learning opportunities as we endeavour to meet our goal of meaningful reconciliation and partnerships with Indigenous Peoples.

Learn more at [bc-er.ca](#).



Over 4,700 inspections

In 2024 we performed 4,728 inspections at sites related to pipelines, facilities, roads, water use and more.

After identifying and addressing deficiencies, **the final compliance rate was 99.83%.**



Industry pays approach

The public does not pay for the clean-up of inactive oil and gas sites.

We collect deposits from operators to pay for timely site reclamation and restoration to protect public safety and the environment.

We hold operators accountable for their restoration obligations.



*2024 data

Our Values

RESPECT

INTEGRITY

TRANSPARENCY

INNOVATION

RESPONSIVENESS

Explore our latest initiatives at [bc-er.ca](#)

Dormant Sites Map

Search for dormant sites by location, operator and status using our interactive maps. Orphan sites can also be viewed and include wells, facilities, pipelines and associated areas. See more at [bc-er.ca/what-we-regulate/oil-gas/dormant-sites](#).

Data Narratives

Explore drilling and production, water use data and more through our interactive, visually-driven data narratives. Additional narratives are underway as we pursue our value of transparency: [bc-er.ca/data-reports/data-narratives](#).