



## Submission of Post-Construction Plans and Shape Files

**To:** Industry Clients

**Effective Date:** Immediately

### Background:

Since the implementation of the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA), the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has inserted a condition in all post-OGAA permits and authorizations requiring the mandatory submission of ePASS shape files, as well as one copy of a post-construction map. Post-construction plans must be submitted within 60 days of completed construction on all wellsites, roads, pipelines, facilities and miscellaneous projects located on both Crown and private land.

Geophysical permit holders must file a final plan with the Commission within 60 days after the date of completion as required per Section 4 of the Geophysical Exploration Regulation.

The digital information previously collected through ePASS only includes information for what was applied for, not what was actually constructed. The digital information for all constructed oil and gas activities will allow the Commission and its clients access to up-to-date and accurate information on all constructed activities. The improved knowledge is pertinent to emergency situations, land use planning, decision making and improved compliance and enforcement.

### Requirement:

The post-construction plan map and spatial data must indicate exactly where construction has occurred. Post-construction information is to be submitted digitally and should be accurate to +/- two metres. Where the constructed locations have not changed from the original application, and no temporary ancillary features were included with the application, the ePASS number from the most recent application may be indicated on the post-construction map.

The Commission also requires distinguishing permanent disturbances from temporary disturbances. ePASS submission follows the same requirements as previous application submissions, except any temporary ancillary features must now be indicated as clearings. Examples of temporary clearings include camp sites, decking sites, visibility clearings, road flare outs, brush storage areas or corner cut-offs, which are often part of a pipeline project or road construction project. The permitted value in ePASS for a clearing is "Clear" as indicated in the ePASS submission standards document. Activity Type in ePASS must be set to "Final Plan/Post-Construction" for all post-construction submissions. For pipeline and facility applications in Kermit, the ePASS number must be entered with an Activity Type of "Post-Construction".

Please note that the submission of a post-construction map does not replace the requirement to submit an as-cleared map. The as-cleared map is used by the Ministry of Forests, Mines and Lands to calculate stumpage payable to the Crown for areas of new Crown land disturbance.

Post-construction plan submission requirements will be added to the Feb. 1, 2011 versions of the appropriate manuals under the Post-Construction heading.

ePASS data for the constructed activities will be made available on the Commission's [FTP Site](#).

ePASS requirements are available in the ePASS [Submission Standards](#) document.

**Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact:**

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