



## Utilizing Wood Materials to House Production Equipment

**TO:** Industry Clients

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Nov. 1, 2011

### **BACKGROUND:**

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has reviewed the practice of utilizing wood materials to construct buildings which house production equipment entered on a regular basis by operations personnel and views this practice as a fire safety hazard.

The current regulatory requirement in Section 39(8) of the Drilling and Production Regulation (DPR) states:

- A permit holder must ensure that buildings of wood construction do not house production equipment at a well or facility.

### **REQUIREMENT:**

For the purpose of this specific section of the DPR, the term production equipment is considered to be any equipment used in the production of oil, natural gas or water, including pump jack engines, separators, dehydration equipment, compressors and pumps.

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