



Facility Permitting Application Changes in KERMIT

TO: Industry Clients

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As a part of the ongoing initiative to retire the Petroleum Information Management System (PIMS) legacy database, the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has implemented changes in application processes for facilities and related submissions. It is anticipated these changes will be implemented on Oct. 30, 2013. Changes to the applicable manuals will be posted online on or before Oct. 15, 2013.

The Knowledge, Enterprise, Resource, Management, Information and Technology (KERMIT) permit application system process for facility permits and related submissions has been improved to eliminate some forms and improve data quality. The changes include:

1. The Schedule 1 Well or Facility to Facility Linkage form is now integrated into the electronic application in KERMIT for facility permits and Linkage Change Notice of Intent (NOI) submissions.
2. The ability to search for linkage data pertaining to wells and facilities has been added as a new feature.
3. Equipment details are now connected to specific wells, or as stand-alone facility details to support the new asset transfer process.
4. When shared equipment is utilized for more than one gas well (for example, test and group separator, flare stack, production tank), and is included as part of a facility permit, a separate non-reporting facility code will be assigned for the "Well (Shared) Equipment." This facility does not require a linkage from the wells or to another facility.
5. The Gas Processing Plant check box has been removed and the gas plant technical information section has been expanded in KERMIT.
6. The facility piping detail requirement has been eliminated at existing sites and for all new facility permits.

There will also be changes relating to how Farm Taps are managed in KERMIT. Farm Taps will no longer be connected to a site, but will now be part of a pipeline project in a separate Farm Tap tab on the applicable pipeline segment, and submitted in the current format as a pipeline NOI.

Changes have also been made to the Corporate Land Management application process to eliminate some application forms, streamline ownership transfers and replace the site detail transfer fee with a facility permit transfer fee. These include:

1. Site details will no longer have individual ownership. The ownership of equipment will follow the ownership of the associated wellsite, facility or pipeline.
2. When transferring a wellsite, facility or pipeline the associated equipment will transfer automatically, and no separate transfer application will be required.
3. A new Facility Permit Transfer Application Form will replace the Site Detail Transfer Application Form and the PIMS Facility Transfer Application Form.

4. As outlined in Section 3 of the Fee, Levy and Security Regulation, a \$200 application fee to transfer a permit will be applied to the new Facility Permit Transfer Application.

This initiative will not change the consultation process with First Nations regarding facilities, and the Commission will continue to consult as per current process agreements and procedures. As work on the PIMS retirement initiative continues, there will be further enhancements to Commission processes, and information will be issued to keep all users updated.

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