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Road Permit Requirement for Maintenance Activities

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has updated the [Road Application and Operations Manual](#) to reflect the current requirement for operators to obtain a road permit when carrying out road maintenance activities on existing older roads, as per Section 21 of the [Oil and Gas Activities Act](#). This requirement, which was temporarily exempted under Section 118.1, has been amended with the introduction of Bill 12 earlier this year. It does not apply to private roads registered before Jan. 27, 2011.

Operators are required to obtain a road permit for maintenance activities by Nov. 1, 2015. Until then, the Commission will remind operators of the requirement. Operators are still expected to maintain these roads to Oil and Gas Road Regulation standards.

BACKGROUND:

In 2013, the Commission implemented the [Oil and Gas Road Regulation](#) and began transitioning existing non-status roads to Oil and Gas Activities Act road permits. There is no fee for this transition. At this point, the Commission is removing the transitioning table from the Road Application and Operations Manual as it is no longer valid for older roads. Companies can refer to the updated Road Application and Operations Manual and the [Road Transition Application Form](#) to apply for a road permit to maintain existing roads.

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