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Revised Guideline for the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has released a revised Environmental Protection and Management Guideline (EPMG). The Commission encourages members of the oil and gas industry to review and apply the revised guideline. The EPMG is available <u>here</u>.

The EPMG is intended as a reference document for oil and gas applicants and permit holders. It has been developed to assist oil and gas companies, and those potentially impacted by oil and gas activities, to understand the requirements of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation (EPMR). The new EPMG provides enhanced guidance and further clarity on interpreting the regulatory requirements related to the EPMR of the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA). Environmental guidance in the EPMG includes an interpretation of Government's Environmental Objectives (GEOs) for values such as water, riparian areas, fish, wildlife, habitat, and old-growth forest. The EPMG also provides guidance on environmental mitigation planning, restoration and reclamation.

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