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Area-based Analysis status information updated for 2015

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission ("Commission") has completed the 2015 recalculation of Area-based Analysis zone status. Revised ABA status is now available based on updated Surface Land Use Information and enhanced ABA Value information for Riparian Reserve Zones and Old Forest.

As the status has changed for some zones, industry is advised to download the latest ABA industry shapefiles and review the current ABA Status maps on the [ABA website](#).

Effective Sept. 14, 2015, all oil and gas activity applications submitted to the Commission requiring new land must indicate if there is an impact to Enhanced Management zones. Any activity impacting an Enhanced Management zone must deliver a Mitigation Strategy as per guidance in [Supplementary Information for Area-based Analysis](#).

Riparian Reserve Zones: The 2015 ABA analysis generated similar results to 2014, with 25 of the 69 water management basins being identified as Enhanced Management and the remaining 44 Normal Status. The Lower Beaton River, the Lower Peace River, the Peace Arm and the Smoky River returned to Normal Status; the Middle Beaton River and the Chinchaga River have become Enhanced Management. The following water management basins are now Enhanced Management:

Blueberry River	Kyklo River	Lower Pine River	Moberly River
Burnt River	Lower Fort Nelson River	Lower Prophet River	Murray River
Cache Creek	Lower Halfway River	Lynx Creek	Pouce Coupe River
Cameron River	Lower Kiskatinaw River	Middle Beaton River	Sukunka River
Chinchaga River	Lower Liard River	Middle Fort Nelson River	Upper Peace River
Doig River	Lower Muskwa River	Milligan Creek	Upper Pine River
			West Kiskatinaw River

The 2015 ABA status information is effective Sept. 14, 2015, with the exception of Middle Beaton River and the Chinchaga River, which will come into effect Oct. 14, 2015.

Old Forest: The 2015 analysis adopted higher retention targets for three Natural Disturbance Units. As a consequence, Omineca, Wet Trench and Wet Mountains are now Enhanced Management. The ABA status information for these three Natural Disturbance Units is effective Oct. 14, 2015. The Northern Boreal Mountains, Boreal Plains and Boreal Foothills remain Normal Status.

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