

# INDUSTRY BULLETIN

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### Mines Act Permits Now Required

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is now authorized to issue Mines Act permits for oil and gas aggregate operations that meet the definition of a mine under the Act. Information about applications and authorizations have been updated in the [Crown Land Application Manual](#).

This change results from a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Energy and Mines and the Commission, signed on Jan. 8, 2015.

The authorization to operate an oil and gas aggregate operation has two distinct and separate components that are approved by the Commission: a Mines Act Permit, authorized under the Mines Act, and a License of Occupation, authorized under the Land Act.

The [Crown Land Application Manual](#) explains how application and approval differs for a worksite borrow pit and for oil and gas aggregate operation (mine). In particular:

- Section 7: Aggregate Operations and Borrow Pits identifies the criteria and application requirements for an oil and gas aggregate operation and a worksite borrow pit.
- Appendix E: Worksite Borrow Pit / Aggregate Operation Categorization Key illustrates the difference between an oil and gas aggregate operation and a worksite borrow pit.

Applicants are encouraged to contact a Commission Authorizations Manager if experiencing difficulty determining if a planned development meets the definition of an oil and gas aggregate operation.

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