



Changes in First Nations Referral Package Requirements

Effective Date: Immediately

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has made the attachment of a completed Project Description Form for all First Nations Referral Packages mandatory. Consistent with the requirements set out under the First Nations Oil and Gas Consultation Agreements, the Project Description Form and information collected with the First Nations Referral Packages will assist the Commission in assessing the initial impact of the application submitted for review.

The Project Description Form can be found [online](#) and includes outlines of project details such as noise, road information, proposed activities, timeframes and mitigation plans.

In addition, please be advised of the following changes to the First Nations Referral Package Cover Letters and Categorization Worksheets, effective January 2016:

- One cover letter for all First Nations outside of Treaty 8.
- One cover letter for communities engaged via the aboriginal community notice process. This includes Kelly Lake Cree Nation, Kelly Lake First Nation, Kelly Lake Metis Settlement Society and Liard First Nation.
- Saulteau First Nations, Halfway River First Nations and McLeod Lake Indian Band will be added to the cover letter for communities with an Oil and Gas Consultation Agreement.
- Blueberry River, Dene Tha, Doig River and West Moberly will be added to the cover letter for communities following the Interim Consultation Procedures.
- Saulteau First Nations will be added to the Halfway River Categorization Worksheet.

Please ensure you are selecting the correct documents for the respective communities prior to submission.

If you have any questions regarding this industry bulletin, please contact:

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