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Documentation Now Available for Application Management System Launch

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has released the following two documents as part of its Business Transition Strategy transforming paper-based oil and gas application processes to digital: The draft Oil and Gas Activity Application Manual and the new draft Oil and Gas Activity Operations Manual can be viewed on the Commission's website. The creation and release of these manuals prior to the launch of the new Application Management System (AMS) on July 11, 2016, streamlines and standardizes documentation for permit applications and activity operations and replaces many of the Commission's existing manuals. This is the initial release of the draft Oil and Gas Activity Operations Manual, while the draft Oil and Gas Activity Application Manual was initially made available in September 2015.

1. Oil and Gas Activity Application Manual

This manual is designed to reflect the structure of the new AMS and outlines the regulatory process of submitting an application to the Commission. The manual replaces the following documents:

- Application Requirements for Activities Planned in the Agricultural Land Reserve Manual
- Agricultural Land Reserve Manual
- Archaeology Guidelines
- Consultation and Notification Manual
- Crown Land Application Manual
- Facility Application and Operations Manual (Permit Applications Sections)
- Determination Review Guideline
- Geophysical Exploration Application Manual (Permit Applications Sections)
- NEB Pipeline Provincial Authorization Application Manual
- Pipeline Permit Application Manual
- Road Application and Operations Manual (Permit Applications Sections)
- Changes In and About a Stream Application and Operation Manual
- Short-Term Use of Water Manual
- Well Permit Application Manual

2. Oil and Gas Activity Operations Manual

This manual is structured to reflect the operational regulatory lifecycle phases and steps for each oil and gas activity. The manual replaces the following documents:

- Well Drilling Guideline
- Well Completion, Maintenance and Abandonment Guideline
- Pipeline Operations Manual
- Facility Application and Operations Manual (Operations Sections)

- Geophysical Exploration Application Manual (Operations Sections)
- Road Application and Operations Manual (Operations Sections)

In order to house these new manuals, the documentation section of the Commission's website is being redesigned and reorganized. The new manuals will be available online as entire documents or by chapter or section, with related supporting documentation available nearby.

This new documentation will be live prior to the launch of the new Application Management System and will become effective on June 23rd, 2016.

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