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Changes in Requirements for Select Pipeline Integrity Works Applications

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has added new requirements for applications related to pipeline and integrity works that have a risk ranking level of 2 or 3 (as defined below). These may include applications for pipeline amendments, changes in and about a stream, additional temporary workspace, or any works not covered by the scope of existing permissions and authorizations related to the operation of the pipeline. Integrity works is defined here as maintenance work undertaken to maintain pipeline integrity.

Before submitting an application for authorization for these integrity works, please do the following:

- 1. Contact the appropriate Authorizations Manager at the Commission according to the zone that the work is in, notifying them of the timing of submission and the risk ranking (based on the criteria below). Contact and area details are in the phone list on the <u>Commission website</u>.
- 2. Ensure that the Application Description in the Application Management System clearly identifies the work as integrity work.
- 3. Include the level of urgency of proposed integrity works in the Application Description, ranked from level 1 to 3 (as below) for risk to public safety and the environment.

Risk Ranking

LEVEL 1	Investigative digs and planned maintenance: Where planned maintenance works are scheduled to take place, or smart tool analysis or visual inspection has indicated an anomaly of some kind, and there is no immediate threat to the environment or public safety.
LEVEL 2	Known risk: Where there is exposed pipeline, or potential for pipeline integrity to be compromised.
LEVEL 3	Emergency works: Where pipeline integrity is compromised and the threat to the public or the environment is existing or imminent.

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