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### Natural Resource Sector Aboriginal Liaison Program

Government Natural Resource Sector Agencies and the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) in partnership with participating Aboriginal groups have developed a Natural Resource Sector (NRS) Aboriginal Liaison Program (ALP) as a means of supporting greater Aboriginal community awareness of natural resource planning, development, safety, environmental and emergency management, restoration activities and regulatory oversight. The NRS ALP provides a knowledgeable, trained and properly equipped resource for Aboriginal communities to assist various NRS agencies in monitoring and inspection tasks as appropriate.

A pilot program was successfully initiated in May 2014, in partnership with the Doig River First Nation (DRFN) in northeast British Columbia. The agreement has worked to the mutual benefit of both the Commission and DRFN in incident and complaint response and general field and office interactions ([Industry Bulletin 2016-02](#)).

To date the following Aboriginal communities have implemented NRS Aboriginal Liaison Programs:

- Doig River First Nation
- Saulteau First Nations
- Prophet River First Nation
- Haisla Nation
- Nisga'a Lisims Government
- Carrier Sekani First Nations
- Lake Babine Nation

Please be advised that Liaisons are actively working in their traditional territory. The Liaison role may include field activities related to disturbance monitoring and reclamation, compliance and enforcement, and emergency response. Liaisons can be identified by the NRS Aboriginal Liaison Program decals on the sides of their trucks.

More information on the NRS Aboriginal Liaison Program can be found [here](#).

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