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NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR INTEGRITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR FACILITIES

Facility permit holders are advised the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is implementing a new compliance assurance process for assessing the effectiveness of Integrity Management Programs for Facilities (IMPF). The Commission has developed the <u>protocol</u> as guidance for permit holders, detailing requirements and expectations when developing and implementing Integrity Management Programs (IMP) for facilities. An IMP specifies the practices that should be used by a permit holder, owner and/or operator to ensure public safety, environmental protection and operational reliability. An IMP is an integral part of an overarching management system, such as a Safety and Loss Management System (SLMS).

Permit holders must review the IMPF protocol and evaluate their IMPF using the <u>self-assessment</u> <u>questionnaire</u> provided on the Commission website. The completed self-assessment must be sent to the Commission via email to <u>integrityengineering@bcogc.ca</u> by **Nov. 30, 2017**.

Permit holders are required to develop, implement, and maintain an IMPF to assess and manage risks over the entire life cycle of their facility, to reduce incidents and to ensure safe, environmentally responsible and reliable operation of the asset. IMPs are mandated in the Pipeline Regulation, Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Facility Regulation, and Drilling and Production Regulation, available here.

For more details, please see the Commission's Integrity Management Program webpage.

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