



Requirements for Cancelling Wells with Surface Disturbance

TO: All Industry Clients

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

BACKGROUND:

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) would like to remind all permit holders of remaining requirements when certain permit approvals are cancelled. Should a permit approval expire or be cancelled by the permit holder, the related authorization under the Land Act will not be cancelled if the Commission has reason to believe that surface disturbance had occurred. This disturbance could be in the form of clearing or earth works prior to planned drilling events. As these activities carry a restoration requirement, the well permit approvals cancelled with surface disturbance will remain as a liability to the permit holder under the Liability Management Rating program.

Additional information can be found in the [Well Permit Application Manual](#).

REQUIREMENTS:

Permit holders of well permit approvals cancelled with surface disturbance have a requirement to restore disturbed areas to obtain a Certificate of Restoration. Permit holders can determine which of their cancelled well permit approvals have remaining requirements by submitting a request for an Operator Detail Report to Liability.Management@bcogc.ca.

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