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Delegated Authorities Under Land and Forest Acts

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The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) has been delegated authority by the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resources Operations (FLNRO) to issue investigative use permits under Section 14 of the Land Act, licences to cut under Section 47.4(2) of the Forest Act and road use permits under Section 117(2) of the Forest Act.

The new delegations allow the Commission to grant authorizations to oil and gas operators that need to obtain information, through investigative work, required to prepare and submit permit applications for large scale oil and gas projects. Previously, oil and gas operators applied to FLNRO for these authorizations, as the Commission's ability to grant these or similar authorizations under the Oil and Gas Activities Act was limited to situations where an oil and gas operator already holds an oil and gas permit, or had submitted an application for an oil and gas permit for a related activity.

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