

CROWN MINERAL ACTIVITY AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR WELL LICENCE TRANSFERS

Crown Mineral Activity (CMA) Authorization is required to conduct operations in unleased Crown mineral rights and well operators are reminded that CMA authorizations are specific to the well event and well licensee and cannot be transferred. However, in certain cases where a well licence transfer application, for active operations, is under review with the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER), associated CMA applications will receive priority reviews.

Overview

CMA applications when active operations are underway will now be accepted at the same time an application is made to the AER to transfer a well licence. Although CMA applications may be accepted prior to a well licence transfer being approved, the potential CMA authorization would not have an effective date that is earlier than the well transfer date. CMA applications submitted following a well licence transfer will not be retroactive.

Application Conditions

- A well licence transfer application must be under consideration by the AER.
- Must be submitted using the Electronic Transfer System.
- The applicant must be the party taking over the well licence (Transferee).
- The applied for well must be listed in an active CMA authorization and the Unique Well Identifier (UWI) must be identical.
- The well must have activity conducted within the last 12 months. Applications involving undrilled, inactive, or suspended wells (no activity has been conducted within 12 months of application submission) will be rejected.
- Incomplete submissions will be returned to the applicant as rejected, and the applicant will need to re-apply. *Should this occur, the Crown may not have adequate time to review in advance of AER's decision.*

Application Requirements for Priority Review

Well licence transferee must submit the application with the following details in one comprehensive package, in the form of a business case with a geological discussion:

- Well licence transfer submission date and confirmation number.
- Details of the current CMA held by the well licence transferor (including CMA ID number & UWI).
- Identify the surface location and all undisposed Crown land located across the activity interval noting all impacted LSDs (horizontal and deviated/slant wells only).
- Describe the need for continued operations related to production.
- Provide estimated volumes to be disposed of, injected or sourced and duration of activity.
- Specify the origin of the disposal fluid (for disposal wells only).
- Proof of recent activity (volumes).
- Copy of current AER scheme (for disposal and injection wells only).

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Information

The department's decision to issue a CMA is separate from the decision of the AER to issue or transfer a well licence or scheme.

The above represents key information requirements. Additional information, specific to the proposal or supporting information, may be required once the department initiates its review.

The department's decision will be based on the applicant's submission, as well as any new or corrected information, and a confirmation of no indebtedness to the Crown. The department's decision is final.

The application requirements outlined above are subject to change without prior notification.

Questions regarding CMA application requirements can be directed to

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