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Professional Declaration Requirements

RECLAMATION CERTIFICATES

This fact sheet describes the professional declaration and sign-off requirements and responsibilities for environmental site assessment, remediation and reclamation work in support of a reclamation certificate in Alberta.

Who Can Sign Off?

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development recognizes the following seven professional regulatory organizations (PROs) whose scopes of practice include land reclamation and remediation:

- Alberta Institute of Agrologists (AIA),
- Alberta Society of Professional Biologists (ASPB),
- Association of the Chemical Profession of Alberta (ACPA),
- Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA),
- Association of Science and Engineering Technology Professionals in Alberta (ASET)
- College of Alberta Professional Foresters (CAPF), and
- College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists (CAPFT)

Sign-off eligibility requires the signatory professional to be a member in good standing of one of the PROs; to have a minimum of five years of relevant experience in remediation or reclamation based on the *Competencies for Reclamation and Remediation Advisory Committee's Recommendations Report* (AENV 2006); and to carry professional liability insurance (errors and omissions) unless they are undertaking work on behalf of their employer. Sign-off must include the professional's signature, and either:

- a) registration/membership number, or
- b) stamp/seal.

When Is a Professional Declaration Required?

For all remediation and reclamation work completed after January 1, 2008 and submitted with a Reclamation Certificate application for an upstream oil and gas site, a signatory professional must sign a *Professional Declaration for Reclamation Certificate Applications* form.

All of the following work completed after January 1, 2008 and submitted as part of a Reclamation Certificate application must be accompanied by the Professional Declaration form. The signed Declaration(s) must be attached to the appropriate schedule(s) in the *Wellsite Reclamation Certificate Application*.

- Phase 1 environmental site assessments,
- Compliance Option Checklists for Drilling Waste Disposal,
- Phase 2 environmental site assessments,
- Remediation and confirmatory sampling, and
- Reclamation detailed site assessments

Reclamation Certificate applications will be reviewed to ensure the Declaration forms are signed and unaltered.

Declaration forms that are altered or accompanied by a disclaimer will result in the refusal of the certificate application. As stated in the Declaration form, the work submitted for a certificate must be true, accurate, complete, and consistent with all applicable provincial criteria, standards, and guidelines for remediation or reclamation.

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