



The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) is responsible for protecting our air, land, water, and biodiversity through strong regulatory oversight of energy development. This fact sheet explains how the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* applies to the AER's regulation of energy development.

What is the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*?

The *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* (EPEA) is provincial legislation that supports and promotes the protection, enhancement, and wise use of the environment.

What will the AER regulate when it comes to EPEA?

The AER is responsible for the aspects of EPEA related to energy development. Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (ESRD) retains the responsibility for setting policy around the province's environment and all other sectors, such as agriculture and forestry.

Many large-scale energy applications require an environmental impact assessment; who will be responsible for reviewing them?

The AER is responsible for reviewing environmental impact assessments for energy development in Alberta.

Will the AER be making any changes to the legislation or regulations?

The AER will use the policies, guidelines, and regulations already developed by ESRD. In the interest of continuous improvement, the AER will work with ESRD and other agencies to develop effective, efficient, and consistent regulations.

The Alberta Energy Regulator ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources over their entire life cycle. This includes allocating and conserving water resources, managing public lands, and protecting the environment while providing economic benefits for all Albertans.



How will the AER ensure that the environment is protected?

Public safety and environmental protection are among the AER's top priorities. We have a team dedicated to emergency preparedness and response. Our inspectors and investigators work to ensure that companies prevent and mitigate potential risks and are able to respond immediately should an incident occur. Our requirements ensure public safety and environmental protection at every stage of an energy development and throughout the entire life cycle of an operation.

The AER is committed to ensuring environmentally responsible energy development throughout Alberta. The AER works closely with ESRD to make certain that the province's environmental goals are upheld, cumulative effects are managed, public safety is protected, and our rules and requirements are enforced.

How can I find more information about EPEA applications?

All applications made are published to the AER's website, www.aer.ca. All related decisions are also published to the website. For more information about applications, visit the AER website and look under the Notice & Applications tab. You can also contact the Customer Contact Centre at 1-855-297-8311.
