

OUR FIRST YEAR

For a more detailed list of accomplishments, see the 2013-14 AER Annual Report

2013

Launched the AER, taking on regulatory responsibilities from the former ERCB

Called for a public proceeding into emissions and odours generated by heavy oil operations in the Peace River area

Established a presence in downtown **EDMONTON, SLAVE LAKE,** and **PEACE RIVER**



Took on expanded authority for public lands and geophysical activity

Launched the **PRIVATE SURFACE AGREEMENTS REGISTRY** for landowners



Enhanced transparency by publishing public notices of applications and decisions online and launched a new process allowing Albertans to file a statement of concern

Increased our focus on enforcement with a new approach to compliance, including additional authorities and enforcement tools

Introduced an **ONLINE INCIDENT-REPORTING TOOL**



Created the **STAKEHOLDER AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS DIVISION**

Took action to address potential risks associated with **SAGD IN SITU OIL SANDS DEVELOPMENT** at shallow depths, taking time to conduct a full technical review before allowing new technologies in this area

2014

Completed the transition to the AER by assuming responsibility for the **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT ACT (EPEA)** and the Water Act, including reclamation and remediation

Strengthened our requirements to reduce impacts related to **FLARING, VENTING,** and **INCINERATION** in Alberta



Introduced **LIVE AUDIO BROADCASTS** of AER hearings

Released the official AER response to the proceeding into emissions and odours generated by heavy oil operations in the Peace River area, accepting the panel's recommendations

Signed a memorandum of understanding with the **GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES** to provide technical support, on a cost recovery basis, for all aspects of upstream oil and gas regulation

Updated the **LICENSEE LIABILITY RATING PROGRAM** to better reflect actual abandonment and reclamation costs, protecting Albertans from financial risk



Launched the AER's first strategic plan with a focus on becoming a best-in-class energy regulator by being **PROTECTIVE, EFFECTIVE, EFFICIENT, AND CREDIBLE**

Held a **PUBLIC PROCEEDING** into emissions and odours generated by heavy oil operations in the Peace River area

