

Title:	Clearing of Vegetation on Road Allowances
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Background

In some cases, vegetation may need to be cleared on surveyed road allowances as part of conducting an approved exploration program. As per Section 56 of the *Exploration Regulation (AR 284/2006)*, the requirements and procedures for clearing of vegetation on road allowances are set forth in this directive.

Requirements

In addition to Section 56(b) and (c) of the *Exploration Regulation*, the procedure for clearing vegetation on a surveyed road allowance is outlined below.

Procedure

Before clearing vegetation on a surveyed road allowance as part of an approved exploration program, the program licensee or program permittee as defined in Sections 1(ee) and 1(ff) of the *Exploration Regulation* shall contact the Municipal District or Special Areas Board representative for the area in which the proposed vegetation clearing is to occur. The Municipal District or Special Areas Board representative may provide direction to the program licensee or program permittee on the method(s) to be used in clearing and disposing of vegetation.

If the Municipal District or Special Areas Board does not provide input or direction to the program licensee or the program permittee on the method of clearing and disposing of vegetation, the program licensee or the program permittee shall contact the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) for direction.

Section 7 of the *Forest Act*, states: "The Minister shall administer and manage timber on public land under the Minister's administration and standing and cut timber on all road allowances". Timber is described within the *Forest Act* as: "all trees living or dead, of any size or species and whether standing, fallen, cut or extracted."

If timber is required to be harvested on a surveyed road allowance, the program licensee or program permittee must contact the Relevant Land Authority for approval prior to the harvesting and the transportation of that timber.

Enforcement/Compliance

Enforcement policy and procedures are currently under review and this directive will be updated accordingly.

