Title:	**Restricted Exploration Areas**
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Background

As per Section 11 of the *Exploration Regulation* (*AR 284/2006*), no person shall conduct exploration, operate a type of energy source, conduct a method of exploration, etc., in any area of Alberta in which exploration is prohibited or restricted except in accordance with the conditions of the exploration directive.

Requirements

The program licensee or the program permittee as defined in Section 1(ee) and 1(ff) of the *Exploration Regulation* shall comply with the requirements, prohibitions and restrictions for areas of Alberta delineated and described at esrd.alberta.ca and search for "Exploration Restricted Areas".

Procedure

Numerous areas of Alberta have been identified as having specified requirements, prohibitions and restrictions. These exploration-restricted areas, along with the specified requirements, prohibitions and restrictions, are described at srd.alberta.ca and search for "Exploration Restricted Areas" As the exploration restricted areas will be updated and revised continuously, the exploration restricted areas will display a revision date.

The exploration approval that is issued by the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) under Section 23 of the *Exploration Regulation* will identify the exploration restricted area(s) by number. The program licensee or the program permittee is to ensure these areas are identified and they are in compliance with the specified requirements, prohibitions or restrictions. It is the responsibility of the program licensee and program permittee to ensure they are using the current version (found on Environment and Sustainable Resource Development's web page) of the specified area.

Additions or changes to any Exploration Restricted area by the Relevant Department Authority that is listed below under "Contact" will be communicated to persons or Associations that represent such persons who will be directly affected by the proposed directives prior to implementation as per Exploration Directive ED2006-01.

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Other

If any discrepancy exists between the written description of the Exploration Restricted Area and the area shown on a map, the written description of the area prevails.

Enforcement/Compliance

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

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