

OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT SURVEY GUIDELINES

SASKATCHEWAN CROWN AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCE LAND

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It is strongly recommended that proponents discuss plans with the Saskatchewan Environment (Saskatchewan Environment) regional Oil and Gas Co-ordinator and the appropriate Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food office prior to surveys being done. Such discussions will minimize the chance that a site will be selected and surveyed, then found to be unsuitable by the approving agencies upon application to construct, resulting in additional costs and delays in the approval process. **Surveys on Provincial Forest, Provincial Park and Wildlife Development Fund land must be approved by the Saskatchewan Environment regional office prior to surveying.**

Survey sketches are to show all existing developments and alterations, water bodies and the approximate location of stands of trees, shrubs, etc.

Maximum size of well sites is 100m x 100m, unless otherwise approved. The exception to this is on lands designated within *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act*, where the maximum size of well sites is 100m x 80m.

Alterations to Wildlife Habitat Lands as designated under *The Wildlife Habitat Protection Act* are to be minimized.

Drilling access is to be via existing trails and seismic lines wherever possible and is limited to eight metres in width.

Permanent access routes must be surveyed using existing trails or routes wherever possible. Where there are no existing trails or routes, the route must be as direct as possible.

Maximum width of rights of way for flowlines or access routes is 15 metres. Where both the flowline and the access follow the same right of way, maximum width is 20 metres.

No clearing for well sites, access routes, compressor stations, battery sites, etc. is permitted within 90 metres of any water body or watercourse with known fish populations or fish bearing potential, 45 metres of those with no

fish bearing potential.

Clearing or limbing of trees to establish site lines for survey purposes is permitted, however it must be minimized and at no point are site lines to exceed one metre in width.

A copy of this information must be provided to the surveyors prior to the commencement of the survey.