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Reclamation certificate information available online

Edmonton... Albertans now have fast and easy access to over 100,000 land reclamation certificate records through an online searchable database.

Reclamation certificates that have been issued by Alberta Environment are now available free of charge on the Environmental Site Assessment Repository at www.esar.alberta.ca. Previously, these documents were only available by request.

The repository already houses individual site assessment information, which includes petroleum storage tanks, spills, contaminated sites, and sites where an environmental site assessment has been done as a result of a land purchase agreement. The addition of reclamation certificates to this database will significantly improve the accessibility of information for landowners, realtors and others who seek relevant land-management information.

On the database, users can search for a site by legal land description, municipal address or map. If information on a specific site is available, users can download, email and print relevant information and documents.

Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* requires all industrial operators to conserve and reclaim disturbed land and obtain a reclamation certificate. These certificates are issued to operators when their site has been successfully reclaimed.

Adding reclamation documents online is another step forward in improving accessibility of information for Albertans. In addition to online resources, Alberta Environment routinely discloses a broad range of publicly-accessible information. For more detail on how to access public documents, please visit <http://environment.alberta.ca/01405.html>.