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SREM Aboriginal Affairs Branch

On behalf of Peter Watson, Deputy Minister with Alberta Energy, Jim Ellis, Deputy Minister of Alberta Environment, and Dan McFadyen, Chair ERCB I am pleased to inform you that effective April 1, 2011, the Aboriginal units within the ministries of Energy, Environment, and Sustainable Resource Development (SRD), are merging into one unit. This new unit will be known as the SREM (Sustainable Resources and Environmental Management) Aboriginal Affairs Branch (SAAB).

This change is being made to improve efficiency, effectiveness, coordination and consistency of Aboriginal relations and consultation functions between the three ministries.

This is particularly important as the Government of Alberta moves forward with the Land Use Framework, the Cumulative Effects Management System and the Regulatory Enhancement Project.

All staff from the three Aboriginal units are moving into this new organizational framework and there are no job losses. Norman Calliou has been named the acting executive director of the new branch and Dave Ferrier and Rand Smith are acting directors.

It is business as usual while the transition takes place and the excellent service provided to you will not change. Those involved in Aboriginal engagement and consultation should continue to work with their existing Energy, Environment and SRD contacts. Watch for timely updates as SAAB transitions to a fully integrated unit over the next few months.

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