

ESRD Fact Sheet 2013-December

Changes to Public Land Dispositions Names

As of December 1, 2013 the Department of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development is no longer responsible for issuing energy related disposition approvals under the *Public Lands Act (PLA)* and the *Mines and Minerals Act (MMA)*.

What Has Changed?

The activities relating to upstream oil and gas, oil sands, coal mines and geophysical exploration have transitioned to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). As a result of this transition, there has been a series of changes to *PLA* dispositions that have been effected.

Effective December 1, 2013 ESRD has made the following changes to disposition activities to separate similar activities between ESRD and the AER:

Disposition Type	Description	Managing Regulator
DLO	Department License of Occupation	ESRD
LOC	License of Occupation	AER
DML	Department Miscellaneous Lease	ESRD
MLL	Miscellaneous Lease	AER
DMS	Department Mineral Surface Lease	ESRD
MSL	Mineral Surface Lease	AER
DPL	Department Pipeline Agreement (gas-co-ops and federally regulated pipelines only)	ESRD
PLA	Pipeline Agreement	AER
RVC	Regulated Vegetation Control Easement	AER
VCE	Vegetation Control Easement	ESRD

Existing disposition holders will see (example):

Old Disposition Number	New Disposition Number
LOC040838	DLO040838
MLL940003	DML940003
MSL060001	DMS060001
PLA3511	DPL3511
VCE090023	RVC090023

Future correspondence will reference the newly assigned disposition number.

New applications to the department will be applied for under the new disposition names.

What Has Not Changed?

Disposition holders will maintain the same rights and privileges and will be subject to the existing terms and conditions. Any rental owed is still required to be paid. Future contact regarding any failure to make these payments will be referenced under the new disposition number. Any outstanding reclamation requirements are still required to be completed within the timelines identified. Any security deposits will be maintained under the new disposition number. Any compliance investigations currently under investigation will continue but will now reference the newly assigned disposition number.

What Can You Expect Moving Forward?

Disposition holders affected by this change can expect to receive a letter outlining the name changes to the disposition(s).

Energy clients can contact the AER's Customer Contact Center at 1-855-297-8311 or look to their web site at <http://www.aer.ca/>