

On June 25, the Alberta Energy Regulator released draft [Directive XXX – Participant Involvement](#) and are looking for public feedback on the draft within the next 60 days.

We developed the draft directive after extensive discussions with industry, Albertans, and indigenous communities across the province. In fall 2017, we hosted sessions with industry, Albertans, and indigenous communities to collect feedback on how they wanted to engage with one another about proposed energy development. Following these sessions, we established a [Participant Involvement Advisory Panel](#) in February 2018 to help us draft enhanced public involvement requirements using the feedback we received.

The draft sets out more comprehensive industry requirements for engaging and informing members of the public, stakeholders, and indigenous communities throughout the lifecycle of an energy resource development. We've also published a draft [manual](#) that provides guidance, context, and examples to help understand the draft directive. Stakeholders and indigenous communities should refer to both documents for a clearer understanding of our requirements and expectations.

When finalized, the directive will replace the existing participant involvement requirements in section 3 of [Directive 056: Energy Development Applications and Schedules](#) and section 4 of draft [Directive 023: Oil Sands Project Applications](#). It will not apply to activities regulated under Part 8 of the [Mines and Minerals Act](#).

You can provide your feedback in one of three ways—by submitting a [comment form](#) to Public.Involvement@aer.ca, by sending a letter to the AER's [head office](#), or by calling our customer contact centre at 1-855-297-8311. Feedback closes on August 25, 2019. We will consider all feedback when finalizing the directive.

If you have any questions or need any clarification, please feel free to contact me.

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