

## **Directive 071, Emergency Preparedness and Response Requirements for the Petroleum Industry**

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) requires licensees that operate in Alberta to have an ERCB approved spill contingency plan or to be members in good standing of an oil spill cooperative and meet the obligations of that cooperative as set out in their membership charter.

Western Canadian Spill Services (WCSS) is the recognized oil spill cooperative in Alberta; WCSS is required to provide the ERCB with a list of members not in good standing with the cooperative. Licensees that are not members in good standing of an oil spill cooperative or do not have an approved spill contingency response plan are subject to the ERCB enforcement process as per *Directive 019*.

Spill preparedness requirements are outlined in Section 10 of *Directive 071* and apply to:

- All wells except those suspended in accordance with ERCB requirements and gas wells that produce less than 2 m<sup>3</sup>/month of hydrocarbon liquids
- Facilities
- Pipelines transporting liquids and licensed by the ERCB.

Should your company have questions related to the spill preparedness requirements in Alberta, please contact the undersigned.

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