

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) requires a licensee to have an AER approved spill response contingency plan or be a member in good standing of an oil spill cooperative. These requirements are outlined in AER *Directive 071 Emergency Preparedness and Response Requirements for the Petroleum Industry*.

Requirements to be a member in good standing of a spill cooperative include:

- attend and be appropriately represented at a minimum of one cooperative annual exercise in the area where its operations are located; attendance at an exercise held outside of the area in which the licensee operates facilities is considered satisfactory, provided that the administrator of each spill cooperative involved is notified in advance for tracking purposes; or
- have an area representative complete a spill response course, self-study spill responder course, or on-scene spill commander course from a recognized training institution in lieu of attendance at an oil spill cooperative exercise; this option cannot be used in consecutive years by the licensee; further, if the option of taking a course in lieu of exercise attendance has been used, the licensee needs to notify the local oil spill cooperative administrator in advance for tracking purposes.

A licensee or licensee representative attending an exercise is allowed to represent a maximum of four companies unless there is preapproval to represent additional companies from the cooperative chairman.

Your company has the option of meeting the requirement to be a member in good standing of an oil spill cooperative or submitting for approval a spill response contingency plan.

Failure to meet the spill response requirements in *Directive 071* constitutes a noncompliance and is subject to AER enforcement.

Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd. area oil spill cooperative exercise dates can be located at www.wcss.ab.ca or call (587) 393-9621.