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OIL SANDS INFORMATION BULLETIN **2009-11**

SUBJECT: The Alberta Oil Sands Tenure Guidelines Principles and Procedures

The *Alberta Oil Sands Tenure Guidelines Principles and Procedures* (Guidelines) interpret the relevant legislation, particularly the *Oil Sands Tenure Regulation (A.R. 50/2000)* and the *Mines and Minerals Administration Regulation (A.R. 262/97)*. The Guidelines assist lessees and developers to determine their oil sands tenure entitlements and obligations and to communicate oil sands tenure-related policy to industry stakeholders.

The August 14, 2009, Guidelines replace the May 8, 2009, Guidelines. The changes to these Guidelines updated Escalating Rent Areas (Chapter 6, Escalating Rent, pages 6-4 and 6-5) due to the “Expansion of the Surface Mineable Area” published in the Energy Resources Conservation Board’s *Alberta’s Reserves 2008 and Supply/Demand Outlook 2009-2018* report published June 10, 2009 (Figure 2.4 Expanded Surface Mineable Area).

To retrieve the August 14, 2009, Guidelines go to the Department of Energy website:  
<http://www.energy.alberta.ca/OilSands/809.asp>

Oil Sands Tenure clients are encouraged to continually check the department’s website as these Guidelines reflect ongoing policies and procedures of the Oil Sands Tenure program and are subject to change.

In cases of conflict, the *Mines and Minerals Act*, the *Oil Sands Tenure Regulation*, and the *Mines and Minerals Administration Regulation* will take precedence over these Guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the updated Guidelines, please contact Renée Matsuba (Manager, Tenure) at 780-427-0910, or Shamee Hoosein (Senior Tenure Administrator) at 780-427-9076.

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