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## **OIL SANDS INFORMATION BULLETIN 2013-16**

### **Subject: Eligibility of Fees under the Joint Canada/Alberta Implementation Plan for Oil Sands Monitoring as Allowed Costs of Oil Sands Royalty Projects**

This Information Bulletin is for all operators and lessees of oil sands royalty projects.

The Governments of Canada and Alberta, in an effort to develop a more comprehensive understanding of the cumulative impacts of oil sands development recently released a plan for oil sands environmental monitoring: the [Joint Canada/Alberta Implementation Plan for Oil Sands Monitoring - \("the Plan"\)](#). The purpose of the Plan is to address regional, ambient effects, and not specific facility / source effects, that enhance the foundation of existing monitoring in the oil sands area. The Plan describes a phased implementation of monitoring enhancements over three years (2012-2015).

Under the Plan, any additional monitoring costs will be funded by industry up to \$50 million per year. For the 2012-13 program fiscal year, Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development - assessed and billed the Plan fees under Ministerial Order 24/2013 and implemented the plan under Ministerial Order 25/2013, both issued by the Minister of Environment and Sustainable Resource Development pursuant to the [Government Organization Act](#). In future years, fees will be assessed under section 36.1 of the [Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act](#).

Operators and lessees should be aware that Alberta Energy is currently engaged in a review of the eligibility of these industry fees under the provisions of the [Oil Sands Allowed Costs \(Ministerial\) Regulation](#).

Alberta Energy will notify operators and lessees upon the outcome of the review, which is expected to take several months.

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