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### Revision to *Interim Directive 2001-03: Sulphur Recovery Guidelines for the Province of Alberta*

The Energy Resources Conservation Board (ERCB) has made an administrative change to how it manages Sulphur Emission Performance Credit Reports, as established in *Interim Directive (ID) 2001-03: Sulphur Recovery Guidelines for the Province of Alberta*. This change is noted on the first page of the revised *ID 2001-03* (see attachment).

Beginning in 2001 with the release of *ID 2001-03*, licensees of grandfathered sulphur recovery plants have had the opportunity to earn bankable sulphur emissions reduction credits for recovery performance exceeding plant requirements. In order to claim credits, licensees have been required to submit credit reports to the ERCB on a quarterly basis.

**Commencing with the April-June 2009 credit report, normally due on July 18, the ERCB will calculate and record credits for grandfathered sulphur recovery plants and e-mail the credit reports to the licensees.**

Each licensee will be asked to verify the ERCB-generated report, rather than create this report itself. If the licensee notes any discrepancies, it should contact the ERCB at the e-mail address or phone number below. This administrative change is expected to save time for both industry and the ERCB.

To report discrepancies or if you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please contact the ERCB Production Operations Section by e-mail at [EUB.S30Support@ercb.ca](mailto:EUB.S30Support@ercb.ca) or Catherine Thistlethwaite by telephone at 403-297-6918.

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Attachment

## Interim Directive ID 2001-3

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TO: All Oil and Gas Operators

### **SULPHUR RECOVERY GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA**

#### **Introduction**

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) and Alberta Environment (AENV) have completed a review of the sulphur recovery guidelines for sour gas plants in Alberta. This interim directive (ID) sets out the guidelines and provides details on how the EUB and AENV will implement the findings of the review and apply the revised sulphur recovery guidelines to sour gas plants, other upstream petroleum facilities, and downstream petroleum operations, including refineries and heavy oil and bitumen upgraders. For ease of use, a contents to the guidelines follows this introduction.

The guidelines and requirements set out in this ID become effective January 1, 2002, and replace *IL 88-13: Sulphur Recovery Guidelines—Gas Processing Operations* in its entirety.

Please direct questions of the EUB to Kim Eastlick at (403) 297-4325 or Jim Spangelo at (403) 297-3566. Please direct questions related to application of the sulphur recovery guidelines by AENV to Randy Dobko, Science and Standards Division, Alberta Environment, at (780) 427-6869.

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**June 2009:** Note that credit report submissions as outlined in Section 4.4.1 are now generated by the ERCB each quarter. Commencing with the April-June 2009 period, licensees are no longer required to submit the quarterly credit reports to the ERCB. Licensees are requested to review the credit report supplied by the ERCB and bring to the ERCB's attention any discrepancies in credits earned for a facility.

**March 2007:** Note that enforcement is according to Section 7 of this interim directive and the principles of [Directive 019: ERCB Compliance Assurance—Enforcement](#). A list of risk-assessed noncompliances is available on the Web at ERCB Home : Industry Zone : Compliance and Enforcement : Risk Assessed Noncompliance [[LINK](#)].