

## Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations (OGCR) Section 8.050:

“When oil, water or unrefined product is spilled or released from a break or leak in a wellhead, tank, separator, treater or process vessel, the licensee of the well or operator of the facility from which the spill or release occurred shall immediately take reasonable steps to contain and clean up the spill or release.”

## Pipeline Regulation Section 77:

“If oil, salt water or other deleterious liquids escape from a leak or break in a pipeline, the licensee shall, on detection of the leak or break, take immediate steps to stop the source of release and contain and clean up the spill.”

## Oil and Gas Conservation Regulations (OGCR) Section 8.051:

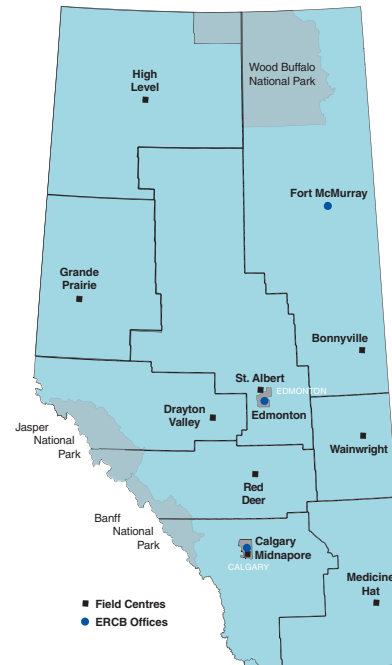
“Where oil, water or unrefined product is spilled while being transported, otherwise than by pipeline, from a well, pipeline or other facility over which the Board has jurisdiction to any other like facility, the licensee of a well or pipeline or operator of the facility and the owner of the transportation facility shall immediately (a) report the spill to the appropriate field centre of the Board and to Alberta Environment, (b) take reasonable steps to contain and clean up the spill material.”

## Where to find us

Questions regarding release reporting can be directed to the appropriate field centre. There are nine field centres located throughout the province of Alberta with staff on call 24-hours who are specifically trained to handle oil and gas emergencies or complaints. You can reach an ERCB field representative at the following numbers:

	Phone*	Fax
<b>Bonnyville</b>	780-826-5352	780-826-2366
<b>Drayton Valley</b>	780-542-5182	780-542-2540
<b>Grande Prairie</b>	780-538-5138	780-538-5582
<b>High Level</b>	780-926-5399	780-926-4721
<b>Medicine Hat</b>	403-527-3385	403-529-3103
<b>Midnapore</b>	403-297-8303	403-297-5283
<b>Red Deer</b>	403-340-5454	403-340-5136
<b>St. Albert</b>	780-460-3800	780-460-3802
<b>Wainwright</b>	780-842-7570	780-842-7536

\* For toll-free access, dial 310-0000 and ask the RITE operator for the ERCB number required.



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## Field Surveillance and Operations

# Release Reporting Requirements



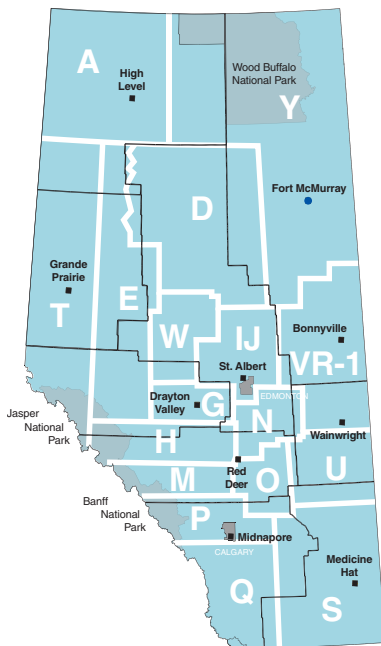
## Directive 071: Section 10

A licensee must be a member of an oil spill cooperative or submit its own spill response plan for its specific local operations to the ERCB for approval.

### Member of an Oil Spill Cooperative

A licensee is exempt from the requirement to develop its own spill response plan, purchase spill cleanup equipment, and conduct an annual exercise if it is an active member in good standing of an oil spill cooperative in Alberta for the area where its operations are located. A member in good standing means that annual licensee membership fees are fully paid and that the licensee has met the obligations of that cooperative. (Set out in Western Canada Spill Services Ltd. (WCSS) membership charter ([www.wcss.ab.ca](http://www.wcss.ab.ca)))

### ERCB Field Centres and WCSS Spill Coop Boundaries



### Spill / Release Notification Requirements

#### *IL 98-1 MOU between AENV/ERCB*

Purpose of Informational Letter is the one window approach for those reporting requirements that overlap jurisdiction.

#### For unrefined product releases:

- Primary contact is the ERCB Field Centre for ERCB reportable releases
- Includes oil, condensate, produced water, pipeline breaks, diluent, oilfield wastes
- The ERCB informs AENV

#### For refined product releases:

- Primary contact is AENV for any release that has caused, is causing or may cause an adverse effect\*
- Diesel, gasoline, sulphur, solvents

(\*defined in EPEA)

## ERCB Spill / Release Reporting Requirements

*OGCR: 8.050 and 12.140*

*Pipeline Act: 35(1)*

Licensee or operator shall immediately orally report to the appropriate field centre of the Board for:

- a release more than  $2\text{m}^3$  on lease
- any release off lease
- any release or break from a pipeline
- pipeline hits
- uncontrolled gas release  $> 30 \text{e}^3\text{m}^3$
- any release that may cause, is causing, or has caused an adverse effect\*

The ERCB will send a Release Report to be completed by the licensee to collect information for incident closure.

