

Policy Management Office

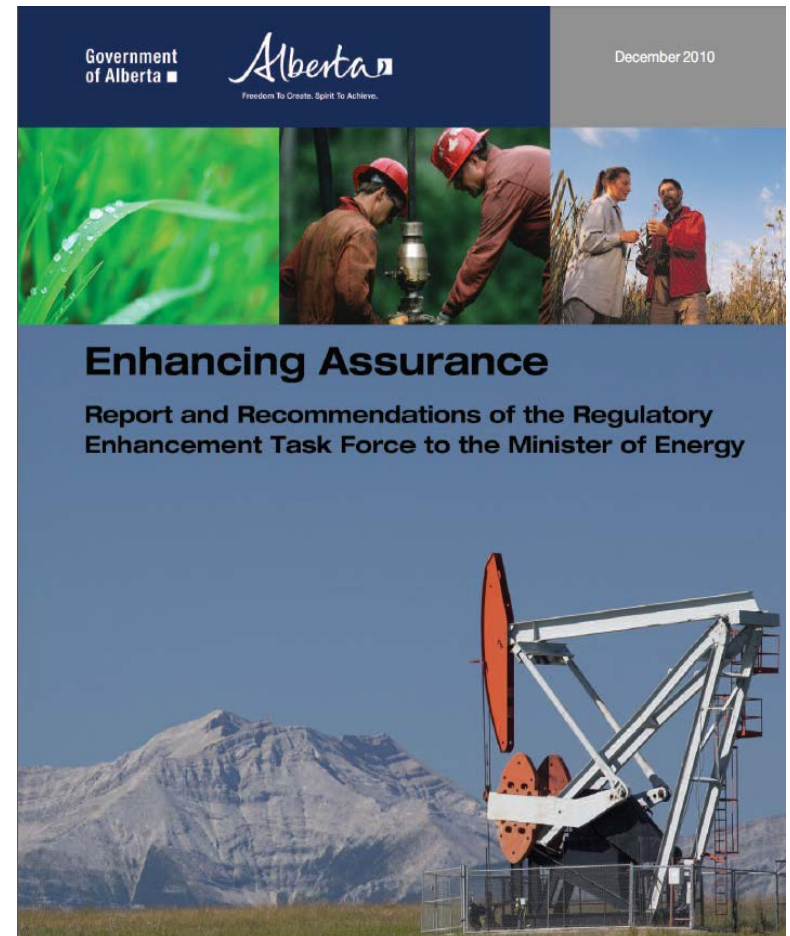
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Agenda

- Background: Regulatory Enhancement Project (REP)
- Policy Management Office
 - Key Initiatives
 - Update on the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER)

Regulatory Enhancement Project: How we got here

- 2010 Regulatory Enhancement Task Force established
- Comprehensive oil and gas regulatory review
- Consultations with industry, landowners, environmental groups and First Nations



Regulatory Enhancement Project: Vision

- Develop an enhanced system that is:
 - Effective
 - Efficient
 - Adaptable
 - Predictable
 - Fair
 - Transparent

Task Force Recommendations

- Create a Policy Management Office
- Create a single upstream oil, gas, oil sands and coal regulatory body
- Provide clear public engagement processes
- Ensure a common approach to risk assessment and management
- Adopt a Performance Measurement Framework for continuous system improvement
- Create a mechanism to resolve landowner concerns

Recommendations accepted by Government January 2011

Policy Management Office

Established Fall 2012

- Ensure integration of natural resource policies, outcomes and actions
- Manage the interface between policy development (Energy and ESRD) and policy assurance (AER)
- Support a coordinated approach to public engagement
- Lead implementation of the six REP recommendations.

GoA - POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Develops policy and policy outcomes

PMO - Interface

AER - POLICY ASSURANCE

Implements policies and assures intended results are achieved

PMO Key Initiatives

1. Policy Integration
2. Alberta Responsible Energy Policy System (AREPS)
3. Public Engagement Framework
4. Performance Evaluation
5. Risk Management Framework
6. Regulation Project

Policy Integration

- Government is accountable for policy development
- AER is accountable for policy assurance (operational delivery) for upstream oil, gas, oil sands and coal
- ESRD is accountable for policy assurance for non-sector activities
- PMO facilitates conversations for policy integration at the development and assurance levels

Alberta Responsible Energy Policy System (AREPS)

- An information portal that allows external users to access policies from across government and the AER relating to the development of upstream oil, gas, oil sands and coal resources including:
 - Legislation, regulation, regional plans, strategic and operational policies, rules, directives, information letters, interim directives and manuals.
- Phase One is complete and now accesses AER policy, GoA regulatory policy, the Lower Athabasca Region Plan and the new Wetlands policy.
- Future phases include ESRD policy and geospatial components.

<http://areps.energy.gov.ab.ca/>

AREPS: Public access to policy documents

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Alberta Responsible Energy Policy System (AREPS)

The AREPS is an information portal which allows interested Albertans to view policies that affect their area. Initially, policies and procedures in this system are specific to upstream oil, gas, oil sands and coal will be fully searchable on the policy owner's domain. Future enhancements will include policies related to public lands, seismic activities, the environment and water, as well as location-specific information.

About Us explains how ESRD, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) and other partners in this system are developing an integrated resource management system, which includes the AER, completion of regional plans, and the creation of a monitoring agency.

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Sector Coal In Situ Oil Sands
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Enhanced Public Engagement

- Internal engagement processes:
 - Facilitate a coordinated approach to public engagement
 - Provide advice and expertise to government departments and AER on designing public engagement processes
- Stakeholder relationship-building:
 - Worked with stakeholder groups on regulations project
 - Continue building those and other relationships on go-forward basis
- Review of GoA and others' best practices
 - Build better ways to engage Albertans with the help of Albertans

Risk Management Framework

- Ensure common risk assessment is used across policy development and assurance.
 - The Framework:
 - Exchanging information
 - Allocating resources based on risk (regulating when necessary)
 - Engaging stakeholders
 - Monitoring and continuous improvement
 - Policy developers use risk assessment to build the policy agenda
 - Regulators use risk assessment and communication to streamline and to build trust in the system
- The Process:
 - Common risk criteria
 - Risk identification and analysis
 - Expanding tools to manage risk

Performance Evaluation

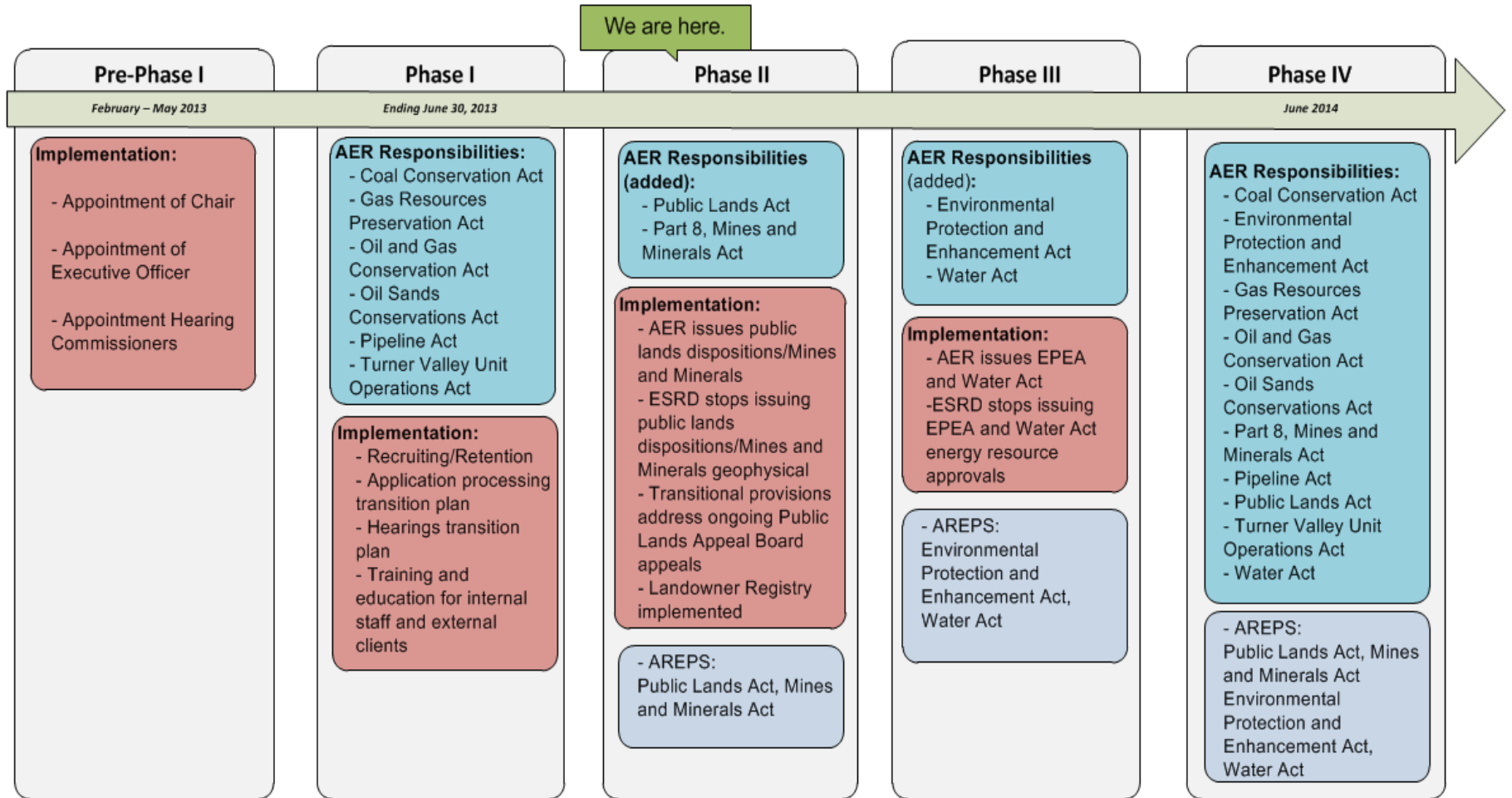
- Adopt a Performance Measurement Framework and a public reporting function to measure and communicate the effectiveness of the system and identify opportunities for continuous improvement
 - Performance measures:
 - Assessing whether the system accomplishes objectives
 - Consider the broader system
 - Move from trade-off (development vs. environment) to growing the benefit (sustainable development, achieving environmental outcomes)
 - Reporting:
 - Simple, direct and honest
 - First round of reporting expected in 2014

Regulation Project Update

Regulator responsibilities are being phased

- Phase 1 complete:
 - Proclamation of REDA provisions on June 17, 2013
 - ERCB dissolved and AER assumed those functions
 - Coal Conservation Act
 - Gas Resources Preservation Act
 - Oil and Gas Conservation Act
 - Oil Sands Conservation Act
 - Pipeline Act
 - Turner Valley Unit Operations Act
- Phase 2 initiated / Planning for Phase 3 underway:
 - public notice of applications,
 - environmental statutes (EPEA, Water Act, Public Lands Act, Part 8 Mines & Minerals Act),
 - registry for private surface agreements
- Fully integrated Regulator by June 2014.

Single Regulator Transition Plan



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