

Backgrounder

Alberta Energy Regulator’s Play-Based Regulation Pilot Project

Calgary, Alberta (July 2, 2014)...Under the Play-Based Regulation (PBR) Pilot Project, the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) will be testing how a play-based regulatory framework for unconventional oil and gas development would work in practice. Through the AER’s pilot project, the regulator will evaluate the process for implementing play-based regulation and the benefits for development, stakeholders, and the regulator.

During the pilot, the AER will be accepting single applications for energy development which may include many activities governed by different pieces of legislation. Through the pilot, stakeholders will have the opportunity to be involved earlier in the planning stages of proposed energy development and allowing the energy industry, stakeholders, and the regulator to understand development in a more complete package.

The AER regularly reviews its requirements to ensure Alberta’s energy industry is regulated in the most effective way possible.

Play-based pilot project goals

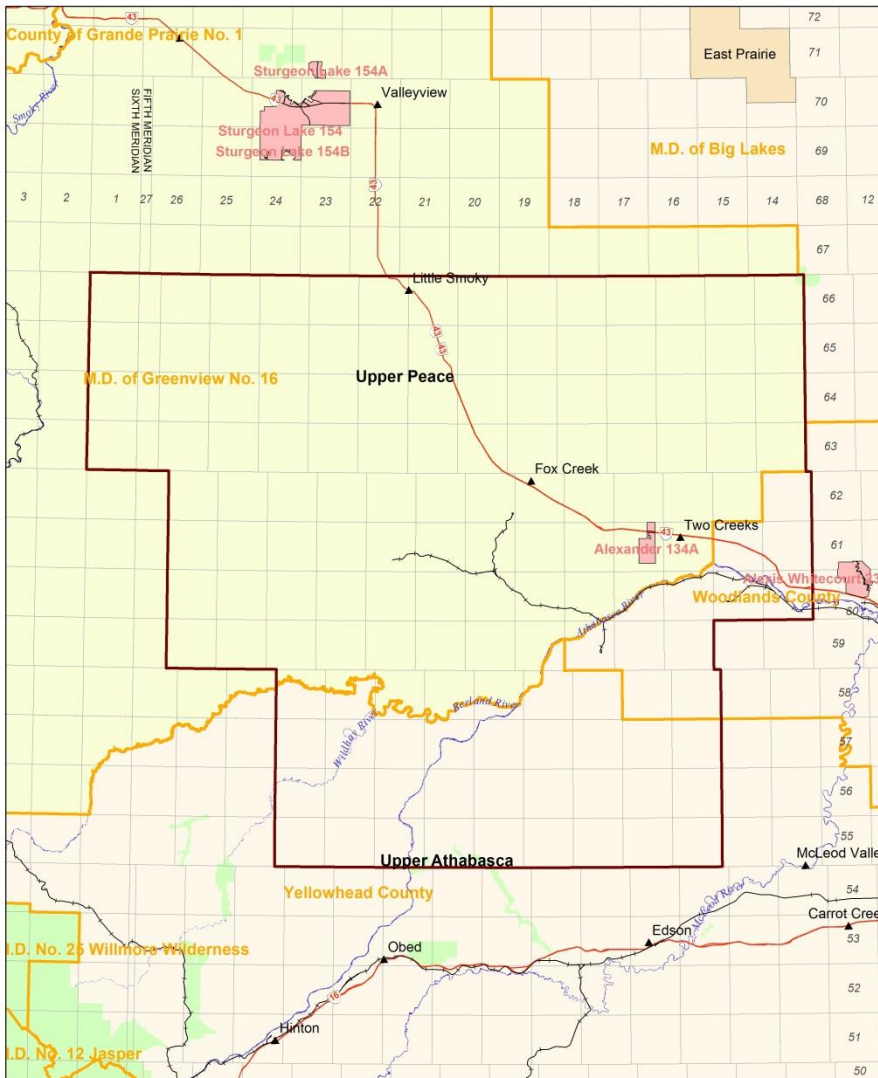
- Establish requirements for subsurface reservoir management for the pilot area that are relevant to unconventional resource development.
- Implement a single application and decision-making process for multiple activities under different pieces of legislation.
- Encourage applicants to work together on surface development plans to:
 - Minimize the number of facilities and other surface impacts during the pilot.
 - Ensure effective practices are used to minimize fresh water use and optimize water reuse

Play-based pilot project timelines

June 27, 2014	PBR Pilot Application Guide released
September 1, 2014	AER to receive single applications for development in the pilot area

Play-based regulation pilot project area

The PBR pilot project will test the regulator’s proposed new framework for regulating unconventional resources in Duvernay shale play near Fox Creek, Alberta.



Play-Based Regulation Duvernay Pilot

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| Pilot Area | Railways |
| Municipalities | Single Track Rail Line |
| Indian Reserve | Rail Line Spur |
| Metis Settlement | Land-Use Framework Boundaries |
| Parks | Upper Athabasca |
| Major Roads | Upper Peace |



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