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Amendments to the *Responsible Energy Development Act General Regulation* and the *Specified Enactments (Jurisdiction) Regulation*

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has authority to issue administrative penalties under Part 8, section 112, of the *Mines and Minerals Act (MMA)*. On December 6, 2016, certain sections of the *Administrative Penalties and Related Matters Statutes Amendment Act, 2002* were proclaimed, and amendments to the *Specified Enactments (Jurisdiction) Regulation* and the *Responsible Energy Development Act General Regulation* came into force. These amendments ensure that administrative penalties issued under Part 8 of the *MMA* are consistent with administrative penalties issued by the AER under other acts and regulations.

The changes ensure that the following are consistent:

- the appeal process for administrative penalties,
- the publishing of information about administrative penalties,
- the statutory time limit for the AER to issue administrative penalties, and
- the ability of the AER to enforce an administrative penalty through the Court of Queen's Bench if noncompliance persists.

The AER assumed responsibility for Part 8 of the *MMA* on November 30, 2013.

For any questions about these changes, contact compliancecoordination@er.ca.

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