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Applications for Partial Upgraders

In support of the Government of Alberta's *Partial Upgrading Program*, the Alberta Energy Regulator has clarified application processes for partial upgraders related to mining and in situ operations under *Directive 023 (Draft): Oil Sands Project Applications* and *Directive 078: Regulatory Application Process for Modifications to Commercial In Situ Oil Sands Projects*.

We expect to receive more applications because of this program and want to ensure our processes are clear.

Partial upgraders are reviewed as “processing plants” under the *Oil Sands Conservation Act* and as “oil sands processing plants” under the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*. Our requirements for processing plants have not changed.

We've added some information to our website, www.aer.ca, to help you apply for these kinds of upgraders:

- [Partial Upgrader – Mining](#) (standalone and integrated partial upgraders)
- [Partial Upgrader – In Situ](#) (integrated partial upgraders)

For more information, contact our Customer Contact Centre by phone at 403-297-8311 (1-855-297-8311 toll free) or by email at Inquiries@aer.ca.