



New Business Transition Strategy projects launch July 2016

EXPECTED LAUNCH DATE: JULY 11, 2016

The BC Oil and Gas Commission's Business Transition Strategy comprises a number of projects that will digitize and streamline oil and gas applications and data submissions in British Columbia. Some of the projects have already launched, such as the eSubmission portal which replaced the Online Drilling Reporting System last April. Many of the remaining projects are expected to launch on **July 11, 2016**. These projects include:

- **The Application Management System (AMS)**
AMS is a secure digital portal that will enable users to submit oil and gas permit applications online. Once AMS is launched in July, most applications will be submitted digitally through the system. This will replace existing paper-based and digital processes.
- **AMS Payment**
Application fee payment will also be online after July 11. Users will register an account with AMS Payment and be able to pay all fees online via Electronic Fund Transfer. Details on setting up an account will be sent via Industry Bulletin shortly. This will replace the Commission's existing paper-based payment process.
- **An expanded version of eSubmission**
The first phase of eSubmission was launched in April 2015. This expanded version now includes the ability to submit most post permit approval submissions, including Geophysical Final Plan, Post Construction Plan, Statutory Rights of Way Survey Plans and Short Term Water Use submissions. Spatial data previously submitted via ePASS for Statutory Right of Way Survey Plans, Post Construction Plans, Geophysical Final Plans, and Waste Disposal information will be submitted via eSubmission after July 11.
- **Retirement of the ePASS system**
Spatial data will either be submitted through AMS (as part of the permit application) or via eSubmission, enabling the Commission to retire the ePASS system.
- **Updates to the KERMIT system**
As permit applications and amendments will be submitted via AMS, the KERMIT system is being updated to ensure alignment with updated application and operational data requirements.
- **eConsultation**
eConsultation is an electronic file sharing system which will enable the digital sharing of consultation information between the Commission and First Nations communities. This project will also launch on July 11.

The Business Transition Strategy began in 2013 and the Commission has engaged industry and other stakeholders in the design, development and testing of its projects. The aim of the strategy is to streamline and digitize processes where possible, while maintaining optimum regulatory oversight of oil and gas activity in British Columbia.

Users of the new systems will be supported through the transition with face-to-face training held in Calgary and Fort St. John (for AMS) as well as online resources and a helpline. Details of the training will be released shortly.

Over the next few months the Commission will issue more specific details on the implementation schedule and transitioning of in-progress applications. The anticipated launch date for the projects is July 11, but is subject to change. Any changes will be communicated via Industry Bulletin.

There will be a short period prior to launch when the Commission will not accept applications or amendments. This is to allow data to be converted to the new systems. This period is expected to be between June 25 and July 11, 2016.

For further information on the Business Transition Strategy, please see the [BTS web pages](#).

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