



## Training for New Environmental Planning Procedures and Area-based Analysis Updates

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** SEPT. 5, 2017

In July 2017, the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) launched new environmental planning procedures and updates to Area-based Analysis (ABA) to improve the management of environmental values such as riparian reserves, old forest and wildlife habitat area. The launch included:

- Implementation of Planning and Operational Measures (POMS)
- Introduction of ABA Wildlife.
- Updated supporting documentation ([Environmental Protection Management Guide \(EPMG\)](#)).
- New [Environmental Information Management System \(EIMS\)](#).
- Updated and new [ABA Status Reports](#).

These initiatives are now active online so operators can review and become familiar with the tools. As per Industry Bulletin 2017-14, the new environmental Planning and Operational Measures and updates to ABA become effective Sep. 5, 2017 and are required as part of the application submission. The Commission is offering training and updating its FAQ web site page to assist operators during this transition.

### 1. Training:

To support the successful implementation of POMs, ABA Wildlife and the EIMS support tool the Commission will be offering scenario based training designed to work through the updated environmental processes.

Training sessions are free and will be held online via GoToMeeting. The session will take place at 1:30 PM (PDT) on Aug. 16, 2017. Full details of the training sessions and how to register are available [here](#). For those not able to attend or needing a refresher, a recorded version of the training session will be available online on the Commission's web site before September.

### 2. FAQs:

In order to address questions from operators regarding requirements for application submissions, the Commission is updating its FAQ page with the following questions and answers. Click on the question to take you directly to the FAQ page and answer:

- Q1: [Why has the Commission changed to the Planning and Operational Measures process?](#)  
Q2: [What is the difference between a Mitigation Strategy and a Rationale?](#)  
Q3: [How does an applicant indicate compliance with POMs?](#)  
Q4: [What species are currently included in EIMS?](#)

**What Is Next**

The Commission is committed to the continuous improvement of its documentation and technology. Over time, this tool may be refreshed and improved based on operator feedback and as an online compendium of the EPMG housing the Commission's Terrestrial Stewardship information.

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