



Warm and Dry in the Peace River Basin; Potential Low Stream Flows

EFFECTIVE DATE: IMMEDIATELY

The Peace River basin continues to remain dry with forecasts of lower than normal rainfall into September. These conditions may result in significant low stream flow conditions, and river levels are anticipated to continue dropping until significant rainfall occurs in the area.

A map that can be located through the [British Columbia Drought Information Portal](#) highlights the broad areas of concern (Drought Level 2 – Dry conditions) in northeast B.C. and voluntary conservation is recommended.

Due to drought conditions in the summers of 2010, 2012 and 2014, the Commission suspended short-term water withdrawals, previously approved by the Commission through Section 8 of the Water Act. This bulletin provides notice to industry that suspensions on water withdrawals may be necessary again. It would be prudent to prepare for further water shortages for September should the warm and dry weather persist.

The Commission will advise industry of any further developments that may affect oil and gas operations in northeastern B.C.

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