



## Environmental Protection and Management Regulation Order on Invasive Plants

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is notifying stakeholders of an order established on April 13, 2018 regarding weeds and invasive species. Order M152 is made under the authority of Section 33 of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation (EPMR) whereby the species of plants listed in [Schedule A, Part I – Provincial Weeds of the Weed Control Regulation](#) are established as invasive plants. The order is legal under the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA) and is posted on the BC Laws website.

To prevent damage and disturbance from weeds and invasive plant species as a result of oil and gas and related activities, Section 15 of the EPMR indicates operators must:

- Make reasonable efforts to ensure that seed, plant parts or propagules of an invasive plant are not transported into the area while carrying out the oil and gas activities.
- To prevent invasive plants from becoming established, revegetate areas disturbed by the oil and gas activity using seed of ecologically suitable species as soon as practicable after the disturbance.
- If on a well site or a facility area, ensure that invasive plants do not become established on the wellsite or facility area.

The Commission released a list of species identified as weeds and invasive plants having specific impact within northeast B.C. (see [Industry Bulletin 2017-05](#)) and continues to view these species as a priority for this region.

The Commission's Compliance and Enforcement branch routinely inspects sites for weeds and invasive plants. Permit holders are responsible for ensuring they meet all legislative, regulatory and permit requirements on both new and existing sites.

The establishment of this list of weeds and invasive plants by order is effective April 13, 2018 and the Environmental Protection and Management Guideline will be updated accordingly to reflect this change.

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