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**INFORMATION LETTER #OGC 07-12**

**Subject: Cover Letter for First Nations (referral) Packages covered by New Consultation Process Agreements**

The Oil & Gas Commission (OGC) is implementing a revised Cover Letter for First Nations (referral) Packages for oil and gas applications where consultation is required under the new Consultation Process Agreements (CPAs).

As of December 2006, new Consultation Process Agreements (CPAs) have been signed between Doig River First Nation, Fort Nelson First Nation, Halfway River First Nation, Prophet River First Nation, Saulneau First Nations, & West Moberly First Nations; and the Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Oil and Gas Commission. These agreements and the appended Consultation Operating Guidelines can be reviewed at this weblink [http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/pubdoc.asp\\_view=9.html](http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/pubdoc.asp_view=9.html).

The new CPA's include the establishment of an Implementation Committee with representation from the participating Treaty 8 First Nations and Government of British Columbia. The Committee has agreed that implementation will be a staged process. The first step has been to change the cover letter for First Nation referral packages. The revised Cover Letter was jointly developed and the Committee has engaged industry and participating Treaty 8 First Nations on these changes.

The main change in the CPA cover letter is the requirement for the proponent to categorize their application as notification, standard or complex; which triggers different review and response timelines for First Nations. The Cover Letter includes a categorization worksheet to document the criteria and rationale for categorizing the applications as notification, standard or complex.

The Implementation Committee plans to periodically communicate implementation progress and consultation process changes to affected First Nations, industry and government agencies.

### Implementation

- Effective May 1, 2007, all application submission impacted by CPAs; including new applications, revisions, amendments, field change and environmental upgrades must include a completed Consultation Process Agreement Cover Letter For First Nation Packages.  
[\[http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/formschecklists.asp\\_view=8.html\]](http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/formschecklists.asp_view=8.html).
- Current consultation processes with other First Nations will continue as before.

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