

Bulletin

Date	Subject	Notice
February 3, 2026	Updated Version of Directives PNG016 and PNG018 in effect	BT2026-002

On February 3, 2026, revised versions of [Directive PNG016: Acknowledgment of Reclamation Requirements](#) and [PNG018: Detailed Site Assessment \(the amended Directives\)](#) came into effect. They feature various updates to expedite timelines and to enhance clarity, consistency and technical accuracy in the Acknowledgment of Reclamation (AOR) application and Detailed Site Assessment (DSA) processes. Key amendments include:

- Measures to enhance industry-landowner communications, including a new information letter requirement to explain and clarify landowner obligations and expectations in the AOR process;
- Removal of minimum 90-day period in which attempts must be made to contact non-responsive landowners to sign a Reclamation Feedback Form to shorten timelines and to streamline the AOR process;
- Promoting quality and consistency in AOR submissions through clarified and updated DSA parameters and technical criteria for standardization to guide environmental consultants and to support timely AOR approvals.

Other changes include revisions to enhance clarity and ensure alignment with *The Financial Security and Site Closure Regulations* as well as the IRIS system. Also, new documentation standards include mandatory digital signatures, photographic requirements for DSAs, and detailed records of landowner interactions during the AOR process. Additionally, the changes harmonize regulatory requirements with agencies such as Saskatchewan's Ministries of Agriculture and Environment, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Indian Oil and Gas Canada.

Stakeholders were consulted on changes to the updated Directive through industry engagement activities conducted from October 20, 2025, to December 17, 2025. Information on the results of the engagement activities can be found at [Notice of Accepted Directive Amendments Directive PNG016 & Directive PNG018](#). Information on changes as initially proposed can be found at [Notice of Proposed Directive Amendments Directive PNG016 & Directive PNG018](#).

Questions?

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