

ADVISORY 2017-2

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Weed Control for Lexin Resources Ltd. (Lexin) Sites

Background

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) recently suspended the licences for all wells, facilities, and pipelines belonging to Lexin Resources Ltd. (Lexin) to ensure public safety and limit environmental and financial risks. For updated information on the process concerning Lexin, please see the AER website at www.aer.ca.

Weed Control Efforts

If Working Interest Participants (WIP) have been identified for a Lexin site, they can be deemed responsible to suspend the site, manage care and custody, and eventually abandon and reclaim. A WIP is not responsible for unpaid surface rentals, but will be responsible for the end-of-life needs of the site. They will only be financially responsible for their interest on the well (a designated percentage registered with the AER at the time of licence approval) and the Orphan Well Association (OWA) will be responsible for the rest of the financial commitment. Where a WIP has been identified, landowners are encouraged to work with them to ensure weed control needs are met.

The OWA was assigned care and custody of the remaining sites where no WIP was identified. For more information on the OWA, please visit www.orphanwell.ca. The OWA is starting a weed control program for the Lexin properties. They will be contacting landowners for consent for weed control on the leases. The program will start in the Vulcan area then move to the Long Coulee area, followed by the High River area, and then towards the Brant area.

If your Lexin site requires weed control, we recommend you contact the OWA to see if your site is on the [orphan well inventory](#) and then clarify when weed control will be offered. If the team is not working in your area and your need is urgent, please contact the OWA to make arrangements for weed control.

Contact Information:

Orphan Well Association (OWA)

Phone: 403-297-6416

24 Hour Emergency Phone: 1-844-440-0144

Please contact the Farmers' Advocate Office (FAO) through the Ag Info Centre at 310-FARM (3276) or by e-mail at farmers.advocate@gov.ab.ca if you have any questions.