

\* EACH APPLICATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES\*

## **WATER WELL RESTORATION OR REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (WRRP)**

1. The Water Well Restoration or Replacement Program (WRRP) is funded by the oil and gas industry through levies paid to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). This program allows a rural landowner an opportunity to have their private water source, which they believe was damaged by oil and gas related activities, to be considered for repair or replacement costs.
2. Before an application can be submitted under this program, the applicant must endeavour to contact the geophysical or oil company to attempt to obtain a settlement for the alleged damages.
3. If the applicant is unsuccessful with the company and believes the alleged damages were caused by:

### **A) Seismic Exploration**

#### Contact:

Geophysical Inspector Program - Alberta Energy Regulator  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Twin Atria Building  
4999 – 98<sup>th</sup> Avenue Edmonton Alberta, T6B 2X3  
Telephone number: (780) 427-2876 or toll free 1-800-222-6514  
E-mail: [exploration@aer.ca](mailto:exploration@aer.ca)

### **B) Oil and Gas**

#### Contact:

Alberta Environment Emergency Response at: 1-800-222-6514  
E-mail: [Inquiries@AER.ca](mailto:Inquiries@AER.ca)

The appropriate department may carry out an investigation and take the necessary action with a subsequent report to the WRRP Committee.

4. This program is designed to make partial or full payment only on those direct costs that have been incurred with the restoration or replacement of a water well. **Therefore, the applicant must include, all receipts for works completed with the application.**
5. The applicant must be prepared to attend and present evidence at a WRRP Committee hearing, which will be held near the applicant's location. The committee consists of a 3- member panel including a representative from the Farmers' Advocate Office, who acts as the Chairman, a member of the Agricultural Development Committee, and a technical representative from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.
6. All payments awarded under this program are of a gratuitous nature and are not made under any legal obligation or statutory requirement. **Consequently, the decisions following from this program are final and not subject to appeal.**
7. Following the hearing, the committee will forward the results of their decision, if in the affirmative, to the AER for payment to the applicant. The applicant will be advised in writing of the committee's decision. The department that carried out the investigation will be notified of the outcome.
8. Any inquiries regarding this program or any other program which may contribute toward the costs of construction or replacement of a water well and system, should be directed to the:  
  
Farmers' Advocate Office  
#305, 7000- 113 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6  
Telephone number: 310-FARM (3276)  
E-mail: [farmers.advocate@gov.ab.ca](mailto:farmers.advocate@gov.ab.ca)
9. Application forms and guidelines are available from the Farmers' Advocate Office. **Applications must be submitted within two years of occurrence of the alleged damages.**