



ALBERTA

ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS

Office of the Minister

Government House Leader

MLA, Rimbey-Rocky Mountain House-Sundre

M.O. 17/2020

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council made Order in Council 080/2020 under section 52.1(1) of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) on March 17, 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency in Alberta due to pandemic COVID-19 and the significant likelihood of pandemic influenza.

WHEREAS Order in Council 080/2020 has effect for 90 days following March 17, 2020 under section 52.8(1)(a) of the PHA.

WHEREAS section 52.1(3) of the PHA authorizes the Minister of Health/the Minister responsible for an enactment (Minister), to make an order without consultation, to suspend or modify the application or operation of all or part of an enactment, subject to the terms and conditions the Minister prescribes, if the Minister is satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the enactment is not in the public interest.

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of parts of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, the *Water Act*, and the *Public Lands Act* are not in the public interest in specific circumstances.

WHEREAS there is hardship in having to comply with routine reporting requirements pursuant to the terms and conditions of approvals, registrations, licenses and dispositions during this public health emergency.

THEREFORE, I, Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the *Public Health Act*, do hereby order:

The operation of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, the *Water Act*, and the *Public Lands Act* is modified to the extent necessary to give effect to the following:

1. *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*

Excepting in the case of drinking water facilities, all requirements to report information pursuant to provisions in approvals or registrations are suspended.

2. *Water Act*

Excepting in the case of drinking water facilities, all requirements to report information pursuant to provisions in licenses or approvals are suspended.

3. *Public Lands Act*

All disposition requirements to submit returns or reports are suspended.

4. Approval, registration, license and disposition holders shall continue to record and retain complete information relating to any reporting or return requirements. The records shall be made available to Environment and Parks or, in respect of energy resource activities, the Alberta Energy Regulator, upon request.

5. All drinking water facilities must continue to follow all the terms and conditions of their authorizations including reporting as required.

This Order lapses, unless it is sooner continued by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(3) of the PHA, at the earliest of the following:

- (a) August 14, 2020;
- (b) 60 days after Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, if Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated before June 15, 2020;
- (c) when this Order is terminated by the Minister under section 52.811(2) of the PHA because the Minister is satisfied that this Order is no longer in the public interest; or
- (d) when this Order is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(1)(c) of the PHA.

DATED at *Edmonton*, Alberta this *3rd* day of *March*, 2020.



Jason Nixon
Minister of Environment and Parks