

Announcement

July 23, 2024

Workshops on Rule 012 changes

The Alberta Utilities Commission regulates noise associated with electric and gas pipeline facilities through Rule 012: *Noise Control*. The Commission recently completed a consultation process on Rule 012 and approved a [revised Rule 012](#) with an effective date of September 30, 2024. Detailed information about the revised rule can be found in [Bulletin 2024-10](#).

The Commission has planned two information workshops, led by AUC staff, to provide a forum for interested parties to understand the rule changes and their application. Please note that the consultation process is complete, and the revised rule has been approved. The Commission is not seeking further feedback or comment on the contents of the rule. The information workshops are designed to allow parties to understand the implementation and application of technical changes to Rule 012 and are not part of any ongoing rule consultation process.

There will be one virtual workshop and one in-person workshop, with the same material presented at both. Due to space limitations and network streaming capacity, the Commission asks that interested parties register for only one of the workshops, not both.

Rule 012 workshop	Location	Time
Virtual workshop	Zoom platform	Test session: August 28, 2024, 2 to 3 p.m. Meeting session: September 5, 2024, 1 to 4 p.m.
In-person workshop	William Andrew Grieve Hearing Room AUC Calgary office 1400, 600 Third Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alta.	September 11, 2024, 1 to 4 p.m.

Note: No tele-conferencing or virtual provision is available for the in-person workshop. No in-person participation is expected for the virtual workshop.

Registration

To register for the workshops, each party should complete the table below and provide a copy to Joan Yu via email (joan.yu@auc.ab.ca) by **4 p.m., August 21, 2024**.

First name	Last name	Organization	Role	Email address	Phone number	In person or virtual

Workshop sign in

On the day of the virtual workshop (**September 5, 2024**), participants are asked to log into the Zoom meeting **no later than 12 p.m.**

On the day of the in-person workshop (**September 11, 2024**), participants are asked to arrive and sign in at the meeting room **no later than 12:30 p.m.**

Agenda

The agenda for the Rule 012 information workshops is presented below. Time allocated for each topic includes presentation from AUC staff about major changes to Rule 012 and questions from participants to clarify the changes and their application. Time allocation is approximate, and the Commission reserves the right to extend or restrict discussion times as required to ensure an efficient and productive meeting.

Step	From	To	Time allocation (minutes)
Introduction and meeting objectives	1 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	15
Demonstration of the major changes to Rule 012			170
Topic 1: Permissible sound levels for populated areas	1:15 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	25
Topic 2: Ambient sound level and A2 adjustment	1:40 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	25
Topic 3: Determination of permissible sound levels for new dwellings	2:05 p.m.	2:20 p.m.	15
Break	2:20 p.m.	2:35 p.m.	15
Topic 4: Noise receptor (including non-dwelling receptors)	2:35 p.m.	2:55 p.m.	20
Topic 5: Tonality evaluation	2:55 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	15
Topic 6: New noise impact assessment flowchart	3:10 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	20
Other changes to Rule 012	3:30 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	20
Closing remarks	3:50 p.m.	4 p.m.	10

Test session for virtual workshop

- The Commission has scheduled a test session **at 2 p.m. on August 28, 2024, for virtual participants** to test their connection to the Zoom platform.
- A Zoom invitation to join the test session will be sent to each participant via email.
- The Commission requests that **all virtual participants** make themselves available to participate in the test session to reduce the risk of delays on the day of the virtual workshop.
- All virtual participants are asked to conduct the test session with the **same** equipment they intend to use for the virtual workshop.

Meeting session for virtual workshop

- A Zoom invitation to join the virtual workshop will be sent to each participant via email.
- All virtual participants are asked to register for the Zoom meeting by accepting the invitation **on or before September 3, 2024**.
- After registering, participants will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- All participants should use the **same** devices they used for the test session to log in to the Zoom link for the meeting.
- All participants should remain connected to Zoom throughout the meeting time.
- Only the participant who is addressing the meeting should turn on their microphone and camera.
- Each participant should make sure their **web camera is turned off** and **microphone is muted** when they are not speaking.
- Any participants who would like to speak should turn on their hand symbols in Zoom and wait for the meeting monitor to give permission.
- It is expected that one participant will speak at a time. Cross-talking should be avoided as much as possible.