

# Announcement

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## Registration reminder for existing wind and solar renewable energy operations under the Code of Practice

On June 4, 2025, Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA) published the *Code of Practice for Solar and Wind Renewable Energy Operations* (Code of Practice), with an effective date of May 31, 2025.

The Code of Practice specifies that an “existing renewable energy operation,” meaning a project that obtained approval from the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) before January 1, 2025, are required to obtain a registration from Alberta Environment and Protected Areas by January 1, 2027, to continue any activities (construction, operation, or reclamation) at their wind or solar operation. **Wind and solar power plant approval holders should apply to AEPA as soon as possible as it can take up to 120 days for AEPA to review and issue a registration.**

AEPA has launched the Digital Regulatory Assurance System (DRAS) for wind and solar renewable energy operation registrations. DRAS is a fully online system which outlines application requirements for wind or solar registration in a digital format. Sections are built into DRAS for specific registration requirements based on time period, land use or security type to assist operators in completing the registration application correctly and completely.

The following links provide additional information to answer commonly asked questions:

- [Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Guidelines for Renewable Energy Operations](#)
  - This page contains links to the Code of Practice for Solar and Wind Renewable Energy Operations (2025) and Conservation and Reclamation Directive for Renewable Energy Operations (the Directive) (2018).
- [Alberta Environment and Protected Areas Approvals](#)
- [Digital Regulatory Assurance System](#)
  - [How to set up an Alberta.ca Account for Business for DRAS login.](#)
  - [Accessing DRAS, assigning representatives and delegating access.](#)
  - [How to apply for an EPEA Registration for Solar and Wind Renewable Energy Operations.](#)

Questions about the Code of Practice or DRAS should be directed to AEPA Land Management at [Land.Management@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Land.Management@gov.ab.ca).

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