

## **Oil and Gas Titles**

### **TITLES-08-03**

#### **SUBJECT: LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION PROGRAM**

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (Ministry) Landowner Notification Program (the Program) provides registered surface owners with information about upcoming provincial petroleum and natural gas rights sales. The goal of the Program is to give landowners time before a company acquires petroleum and natural gas tenure to better understand the oil and gas development process and their rights in the process.

The booklet *Oil and Gas Development and You* (PDF 4.36MB) provides landowners with further information on how to seek advice and be prepared if a petroleum company approaches you to gain access to subsurface resources below their property. For more detailed information, please visit the Landowner Notification Program website at [www.landownernotification.gov.bc.ca](http://www.landownernotification.gov.bc.ca).

The Program arose out of a process that started in June 2006 when the Ministry established the Northeast Energy and Mines

Advisory Committee (NEEMAC). NEEMAC is a multi-stakeholder group with representatives from landowner and environmental associations, industry, local government and First Nations.

NEEMAC made 22 recommendations to the Ministry. One of the recommendations was to implement a program notifying landowners of petroleum and natural gas tenure sales in Northeast British Columbia.

For more information on NEEMAC, including its membership list, terms of reference, operating procedures and accomplishments, please visit: [www.em.gov.bc.ca/ExternalRelations/neemac.htm](http://www.em.gov.bc.ca/ExternalRelations/neemac.htm).

The Landowner Notification Program responds to the BC Energy Plan ([www.energyplan.gov.bc.ca](http://www.energyplan.gov.bc.ca)) commitment to improve landowner notification and awareness of sales of oil and gas rights on private land (No. 54) and to examine oil and gas tenure policies and develop guidelines to determine areas that require special consideration prior to tenure approval (No. 55).

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