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## **Enforcement order issued to central region drilling company**

*Edmonton...* The Government of Alberta has issued an enforcement order against Saba Energy Ltd. for failing to reclaim an oil well site near Erskine, approximately 100 kilometres east of Red Deer.

Alberta Environment staff inspected the site in response to a complaint received from the landowner regarding possible soil contamination, and several deficiencies were identified. Saba Energy was directed to determine the extent of the contamination and reclaim the well site to its equivalent capacity.

Under the order, the company must develop and implement a reclamation plan outlining clean-up and monitoring activities for the site. Additionally, the operator must submit a phase II environmental assessment plan for the site to Alberta Environment by April 30. The company is required to conserve and reclaim the site on or before July 31.

Alberta Environment focuses on education, prevention and enforcement to ensure all Albertans continue to enjoy a clean and healthy environment. When individuals, companies, or municipalities fail to comply with our legislation, Alberta Environment has a range of options depending on the offence to ensure compliance with our environmental regulations.

Enforcement orders are issued under the authority of Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, and are designed to ensure immediate action is taken to correct a situation.

To view the compliance enforcement information, visit <http://environment.alberta.ca/3449.html>.

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