



**Association of the
Chemical Profession
of Alberta**

2014 Annual General Meeting Saturday, May 3, 2014

Venue: Executive Royal Inn Leduc -Nisku
8450 Sparrow Drive, Leduc, AB
(Turn east off the QE2 at the Edmonton International Airport. See [map](#))

Schedule:

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 pm Guest Speaker: **Cindy Chiasson**
Environmental Law Centre
*The Impact of the New Alberta Energy Regulator
on Environmental Regulation*

2:00 – 4:00 pm AGM Business Meeting (guests are welcome)

Cost: Lunch is free to all ACPA members and guests, but please let us know you are coming.

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 28, 2014

Please register on line at www.pchem.ca
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Guest Speaker – Cindy Chiasson



Cindy Chiasson is the Executive Director of the Environmental Law Centre in Edmonton. She has practiced law in Alberta since 1987, with a focus on environmental law since 1990. Cindy has worked in the private, government and non-profit sectors, and has extensive experience in regulatory law and legislative development. She also has in-depth experience in contaminated sites, air quality and agricultural matters. Cindy's most recent work has focused on land use planning and management and Alberta's new energy and environmental regulatory system.

She is currently board co-chair of the Alberta Ecotrust Foundation and a long-time volunteer with Girl Guides of Canada. In 2012, Cindy was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her work and volunteer contributions to Alberta.

Abstract

The Impact of the New Alberta Energy Regulator on Environmental Regulation

The Alberta government created the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) as part of a new approach to energy and environmental regulation, phasing out the Energy Resources Conservation Board. When it began operations in June 2013, the AER became the body responsible for regulating exploration, recovery, construction, closure and processing for oil, gas, oil sands, coal and energy pipelines within Alberta. As of March 29, 2014, it has also taken on the regulation of environmental aspects of those energy activities from Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. This includes the following:

Under the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act: substance releases; contaminated land; reclamation and remediation; and activity authorizations;

Under the Water Act: allocation of water rights; and regulation of activities affecting water; and

Under the Public Lands Act and Mines and Minerals Act: regulation of exploration activities; and authorizations for activities on public land.

Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development will continue to carry out those environmental regulatory responsibilities for non-energy activities.

This is a major shift and confusion is rampant among those being regulated and those who are affected by both energy and non-energy activities. This presentation will provide an overview of the new system as it affects environmental regulation, discussing who will do what; how transitions will take place; and the future prospects for a level playing field and environmental protection in Alberta.