

DIRECTIVE UPDATE 2017-01

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UPDATE – Suspension of Water Diversions (Peace River)

To: Industry

Effective Date: Immediately

On [Sept. 15, 2017](#) the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) previously suspended approved water diversions under Section 10 of the [Water Sustainability Act](#), due to drought conditions.

The water withdrawal suspension is now **ENDED** for all rivers, streams, and lakes in the following basins:

- Beatton River
- Blueberry River
- Cameron River
- Cache Creek
- Doig River
- Farrell Creek
- Graham River
- Kiskatinaw River
- Lynx Creek
- Moberly River
- Peace River

A SUSPENSION REMAINS IN PLACE for the following basins:

- Chinchaga River
- Fontas River
- Kantah River
- Milligan Creek
- Pouce Coupe River

Diversion and use of water stored in dugouts or dams is not suspended.

Applications for water diversion:

Given local variability, it is possible some streams in the areas remaining under suspension will have recovered sufficiently to allow some water withdrawal. The Commission will review new applications for diversion, or requests to use existing approvals, on a site-specific basis.

Operators are requested to do the following to support their application or request to use an existing Section 10 approval:

1. Limit the application to water volumes and points of diversion that are realistic to the specific operational needs.
2. For new applications for diversion for water from rivers and streams, or to request use of existing approvals, provide a good discharge measurement at the point(s) of diversion, to provide information on current flow conditions in relation to the volume of water requested. The discharge measurement will be collected to an acceptable hydrometric standard by a qualified individual.
3. For new applications for diversion from lakes, or reactivation of existing approvals, provide information on lake bathymetry:
 - Surface area (hectares).

- Depth (metres). If lake depth information is not already available from provincial databases or previous surveys, obtain depth measurements at points along two transects representing the long and short lake axes, to determine maximum lake depth.
- Volume (cubic metres).

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