



2009 Archaeology Audit Program Final Report Released

Fort St. John - The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) released results today of its annual Archaeology Audit Program (AAP), conducted to gauge the effectiveness of archaeological management systems used by oil and gas companies operating in B.C.

2009 report findings indicate that three audited companies demonstrated proactive and innovative management plans and were afforded a rating of Good Management Practices. Another 13 were rated Satisfactory and one company received an Opportunity for Improvement rating. The audit further revealed that communication aspects of management systems for several audited companies could be enhanced.

The Commission AAP audit is a necessary component of the performance-based approach to archaeology resource management within the oil and gas sector of British Columbia. In all, 18 oil and gas companies were randomly selected for audit. From that group, 12 were selected for non-geophysical program audit and six for geophysical.

In the spirit of continual improvement to business practices, the concluding section of the report highlights good management practices the Commission suggests companies review and incorporate into current systems. This section helps future auditees prepare for the 2010 audit.

The Archaeology Audit Program final report is available on the Commission website at:
www.ogc.gov.bc.ca.

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