

JOINT DIRECTIVE (PROVINCIAL ACT):

The Provincial Minister and the Federal Minister, pursuant to paragraph 41(1)(a) of the *Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Resources Accord Implementation and Offshore Renewable Energy Management (Nova Scotia) Act*, hereby make the annexed joint directive to the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Regulator (the Regulator) regarding Exploration Licences:

1. Considering the May 26, 2026, Joint Directive, which directed the Regulator to review past practices and requirements related to Work Deposits pertaining to the issuance of Exploration Licences, and to provide Ministers with advice on potential future changes to administrative requirements to support improved competitive conditions for petroleum activity in the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore;
2. And considering that the practice of stipulating within Call for Bids the effective date of Exploration Licences as a term and condition of such licences and as the time limit to submit a Work Deposit directly impacts how much time a successful bidder has to submit a Work Deposit;
3. The Regulator shall take this impact into account and ensure that the effective date of Exploration Licences is set on a date within a reasonable time period following the close of a Call for Bids, up to a maximum of 180 days thereof.
4. This Directive takes effect immediately upon signature and is in effect until further notice.



Hon. Marco MacLeod
Minister of Energy
Government of Nova Scotia

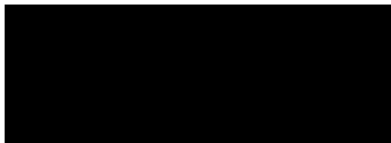


Hon. Tim Hodgson
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
Government of Canada

JOINT DIRECTIVE (FEDERAL ACT):

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