



FARMERS' ADVOCATE OFFICE

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Action Surface Rights

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About Us

- The FAO was established in 1973 by the Minister of Agriculture as a resource for Albertan farmers and ranchers
- As a liaison between landowners, government and industry; the FAO ensures that the rights and interests of rural Albertans are
 - Recognized
 - Understood
 - Protected

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Mission

...to create value for rural Albertans & our stakeholders by:

- empowering rural Albertans through awareness on key issues;
- providing objective, unbiased ideas and advice for resolving disputes;
- representing the rural Alberta perspective on matters of concern;
- and facilitating interaction on strategic matters among key stakeholders.



SURFACE RIGHTS, LAND AND ENERGY

- The FAO is a resource for farmers and ranchers who are affected by energy developments.
- We are able to provide information on **legislation and policy, advise on rights, responsibilities, negotiations and dispute resolution.**

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NEGOTIATIONS

Landowners have the right to stand their ground,
however we encourage them to seek ***common ground***
with their neighbor, the energy company.

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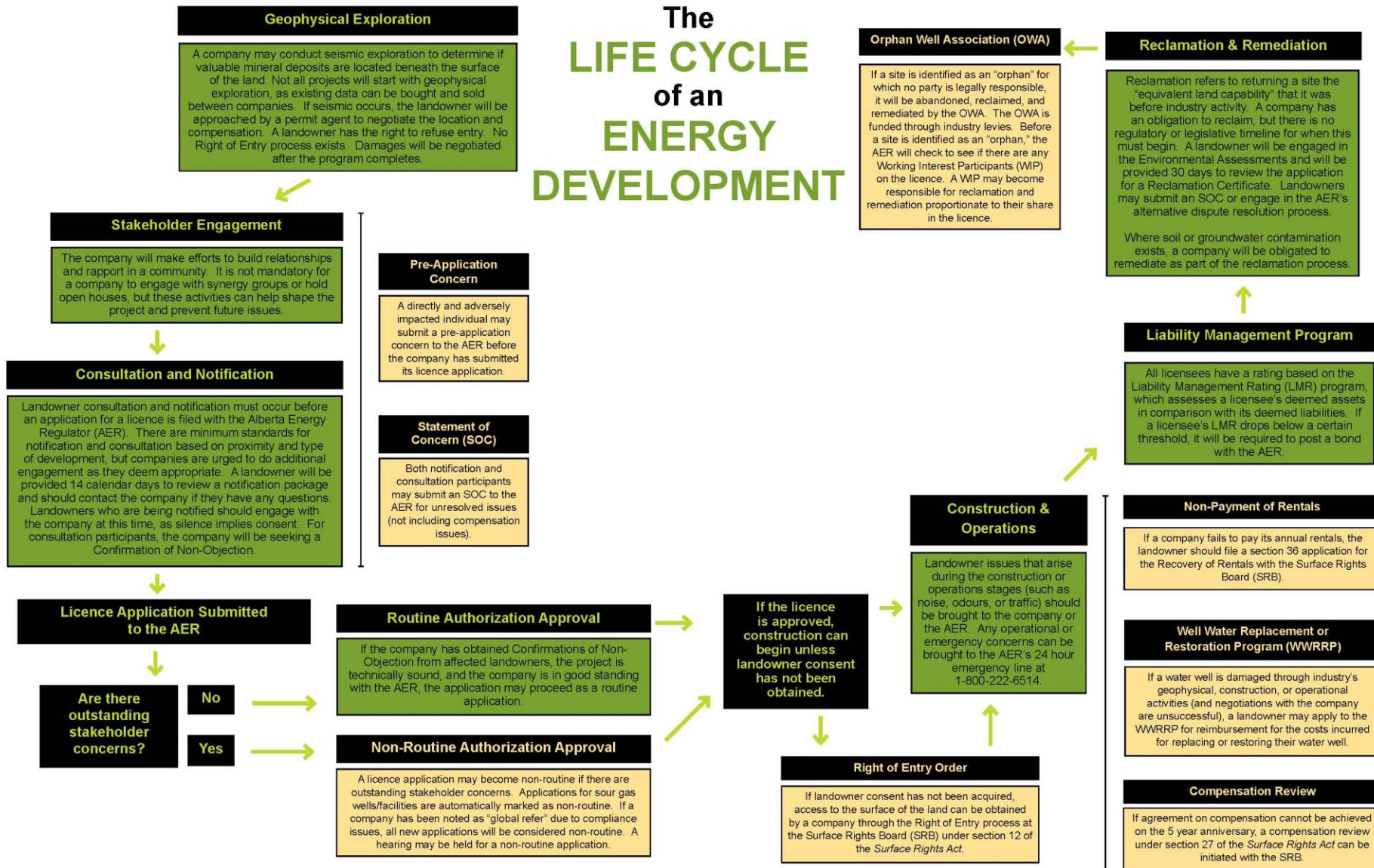


TRENDING ISSUES FOR ENERGY AND LAND

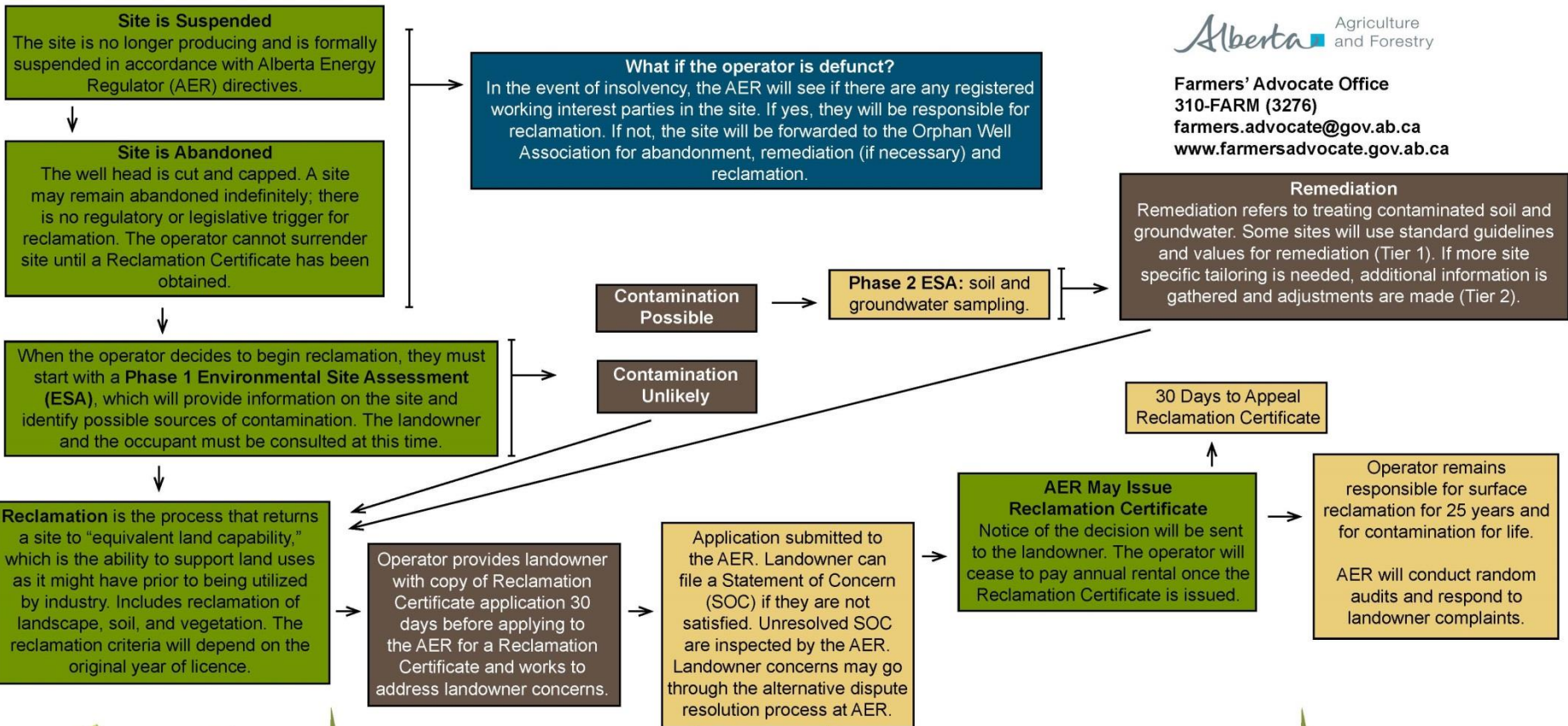
- Rental Reductions
 - Unilateral
 - Beginning or claiming to begin reclamation / Change of Use
 - State of the economy
- Surface Rights Board (SRB) Applications
 - Recovery of Unpaid Rentals: Section 36
 - Right to Review Compensation: Section 27
- Reclamation
- Electrification of Energy Sites
- Weed Control
- Lexin Resources
- Renewable Energy
 - Landowner Guide for Negotiation Renewable Energy Leases
 - Workshops



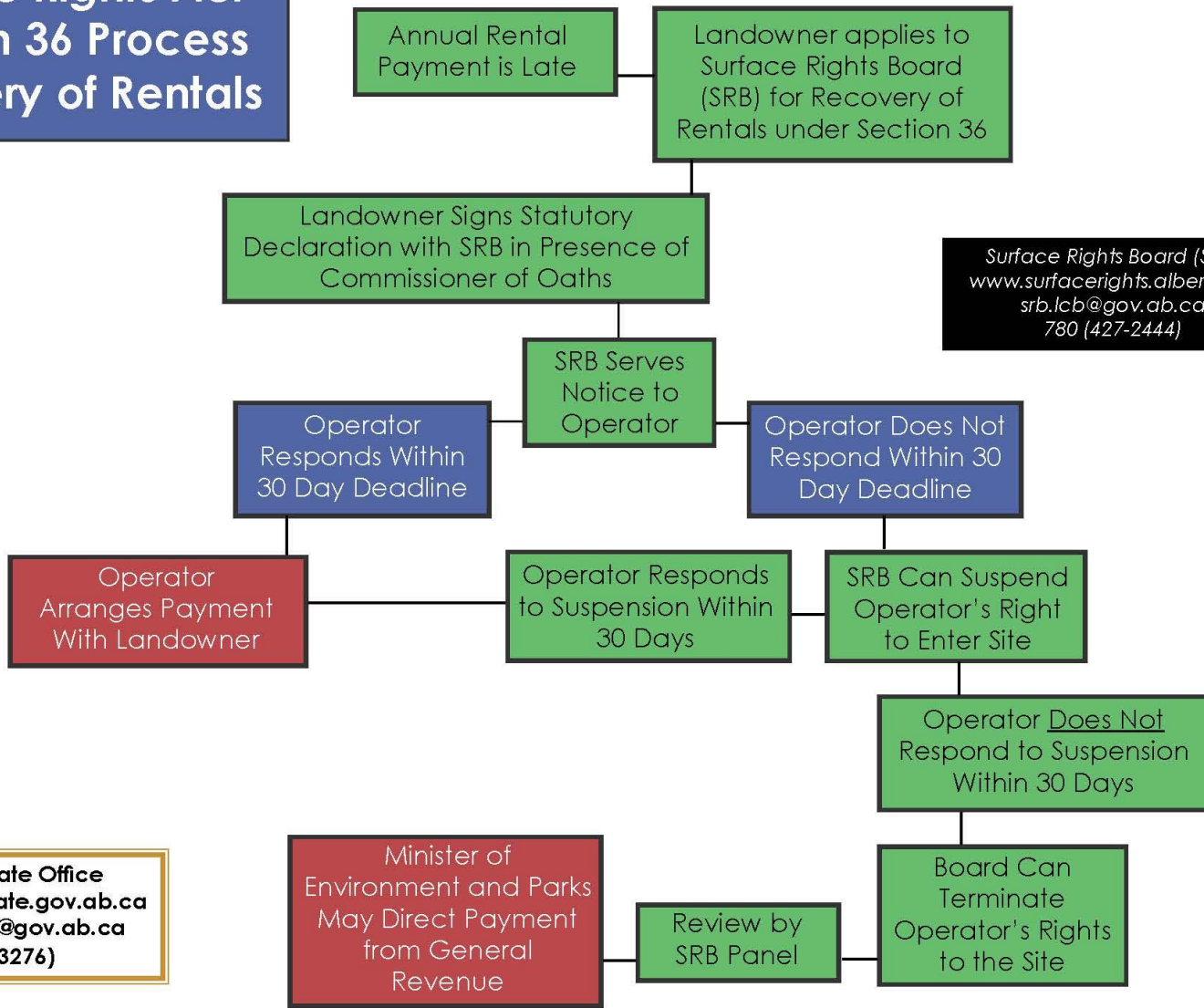
The LIFE CYCLE of an ENERGY DEVELOPMENT



Understanding Reclamation in Alberta



Surface Rights Act Section 36 Process Recovery of Rentals



Surface Rights Board (SRB)
www.surfacerights.alberta.ca
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 780 (427-2444)

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Surface Rights, Utilities & Energy... Who Should I Contact?

Alberta Energy

leasing of Crown minerals | royalties | legislative and policy management | freehold mineral taxation
www.energy.alberta.ca | 780-427-8050 Edmonton | 403-297-8955 Calgary

Alberta Energy Regulator

provincial regulator for oil, gas, and pipelines | landowner statements of concern | notification | suspension & abandonment | reclamation & remediation | compliance issues | incident reporting | water licences | permits for seismic/geophysical | liability management
www.aer.ca | 1-855-297-8311 | inquiries@aer.ca

Alberta Labour

land agents licensing | land agents code of conduct & complaints
<http://work.alberta.ca/labour/land-agents-licensing.html> | 780-415-4600

Alberta Utilities Commission

regulates terms and conditions for utilities and transmission development | stakeholder engagement for utilities developments | renewables | consumer complaints | legislative compliance
www.auc.ab.ca | 403-592-UTIL (8845) Calgary | 780-427-4901 Edmonton | info@auc.ab.ca

Farmers' Advocate Office

advisory and resource agency for landowners | information on legislation and policy | negotiating surface leases and right of way agreements | dispute resolution | understanding process | consultation and stakeholder engagement | Well Water Replacement or Restoration Program
www.farmersadvocate.gov.ab.ca | 310-FARM (3276) farmers.advocate@gov.ab.ca

Freehold Owners' Association

advisory agency for mineral owners negotiating agreements
www.fhoa.ca | 403-245-4438

Local County

weed issues | transportation and road use issues | dust concerns

National Energy Board

regulates interprovincial pipelines and transmission lines under federal jurisdiction
www.neb-one.gc.ca | 1 (800) 899-1265 or (403) 292-5503

Orphan Well Association

abandonment & reclamation of upstream wells, pipelines, facilities and associated sites for which there is no legally responsible party
www.orphanwell.ca | (403) 297-6416

Property Rights Advocate

property rights information | annual report to legislature with recommendations on property rights | ombudsman-type role
propertyrights.alberta.ca | 403-388-1781 | propertyrights@gov.ab.ca

Surface Rights Board

rights of entry | disputes on compensation | anniversary rental reviews | off right-of-way damages | unpaid annual rentals
<http://surfacerights.ab.ca> | 780-427-2444 | srb.lcb@gov.ab.ca

Utilities Consumer Advocate

concerns about utility bills and rates | advice on natural gas and electricity | advocating for consumer interests
www.ucahelps.alberta.ca | 310-4UCA (4822) | UCAhelps@gov.ab.ca

Federation of Rural Electrification Associations

dispute resolution within rural electrification associations | rates | governance of an REA
<http://www.afrea.ab.ca/> | (780) 417-3396

Federation of Gas Co-ops

location of utilities map | dispute resolution within co-ops | rates | governance of a gas co-op
<http://www.fedgas.com/> | (780) 416-6543 | info@fedgas.com



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