

Renewal Provisions for Leader Level Criterion 3.a of the
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The EnviroVista Program is built on a foundation of sustained compliance; it recognizes and promotes improved environmental performance that goes above and beyond approval and regulatory requirements. Two entry criteria: having a robust Environmental Management System and having a record of exemplary emissions performance help to assure continued compliance. More pointedly aimed at compliance, the third EnviroVista entry criteria requires:

3. A sound record of environmental compliance at the facility including:

a. Five years with no EPEA or Water Act prosecutions, Enforcement Orders, Environmental Protection Orders, Administrative Penalties or Warning Letters

It is recognized that this criteria becomes increasingly restrictive with every year that a facility participates in the program. For instance, in the first renewal year (the second year of participation in the Program), the facility to qualify for renewal must have a six-year record clear of enforcement action (the original five years to enter the Program, plus the year as a Program participant). This criterion continues to become more restrictive with each following year that a facility applies for renewal.

To address the increasingly restrictive nature of the Leader Level Entry Criterion 3.a, for facilities that have enforcement action taken against them by Alberta Environment, the following will apply at the time a facility applies for renewal of its Leader status.

1. A facility that receives from Alberta Environment a ticket, warning letter, administrative penalty or an environmental protection order (EPOs), will be restricted from applying for renewal of their Leader status for 24 months from the time of the incident that led to the enforcement action.
2. To be considered for renewal after the 24-month restriction, facilities must be free from enforcement action for five of the past six calendar years.
3. If a facility is subject to an enforcement order or a prosecution (except tickets) it must wait five years from the date of the incident that led to the enforcement order or prosecution before it again qualifies for Leader status.

Alberta Environment reserves the right to restrict participation in the EnviroVista Program to any facility and to suspend or end this program at its discretion.