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**INFORMATION LETTER #OGC 06-05**

**SUBJECT: Amendment to the Public Involvement Guideline**

Effective April 1, 2006, the Oil and Gas Commission’s (OGC) Public Involvement Guideline is amended to increase the personal consultation radius for well sites, flaring and facilities.

Prior to submitting an activity application to the OGC, companies must undertake consultation with the public (including landowners, occupants, affected parties and all residents). The OGC’s Public Involvement Guideline provides guidance for industry to involve the public in activities that may affect them.

The personal consultation radius for a proposed well site and flaring activity is increased from 0.5 kilometer to 1.0 kilometer. The personal consultation radius for a proposed sweet facility is now 1.0 kilometer rather than the previous 0.5 kilometer and consultation for a sour facility is increased from 1.5 kilometers to 3.0 kilometers.

<b>Proposed Activity</b>	<b>New Consultation Radius</b>	<b>Previous Consultation Radius</b>
Sour Well	1.0 kilometer	0.5 kilometer
Sweet Well	1.0 kilometer	0.5 kilometer
Single Oil Well-continuous flare (sweet or sour)	1.0 kilometer	0.5 kilometer
Sour Facility	3.0 kilometers	1.5 kilometers
Sweet Facility	1.0 kilometer	0.5 kilometer

This amendment applies to all applications submitted to the OGC on or after April 1, 2006.

All other requirements of the Public Involvement Guideline, including notification radiuses, remain unchanged until further notice. The OGC will be developing a revised Public Involvement Guideline for release by September 2006 to address important feedback received by the public and industry.

The OGC’s Public Involvement Guideline is available on the web at:

<http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/documents/guidelines/revised-Public%20Inv.%20GL.pdf>

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