



# Caution Required When Working Around Oil and Gas Facilities



The agricultural industry is vital to Alberta's economy and farm safety is important to all of us. As is the case when working around power lines, farming around oil and gas facilities requires extra attention to protect everyone involved. A release from a well or pipeline has the potential to seriously damage property, equipment, the environment, and put the public at risk.

The Alberta Energy Regulator's (AER) rules require companies to clearly mark oil and gas facilities with flags, fences, or cement barriers. However, it is important that farmers be aware of the location of wellheads and pipeline risers and make working safely around oil and gas equipment a priority.

Exercising caution when operating farm machinery around oil and gas equipment can prevent incidents that are potentially dangerous. Damage to oil and gas faci-

The AER ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of hydrocarbon resources over their entire life cycle. This includes allocating and conserving water resources, managing public lands, and protecting the environment while providing economic benefits for all Albertans.

ties can cause explosions, fires, or the escape of sour gas—all of which can result in the loss of life, personal injury, harm to the environment, evacuation of residential areas, and costs to repair facilities and farming equipment.

Energy companies are required to have emergency response plans in the event damage does occur. However, the best way to deal with an emergency is to prevent it from happening to begin with. If you do hit oil and gas surface equipment, stop work immediately and phone the Energy and Environmental 24-hour Response Line at 1-800-222-6514 (toll free).

