**Frequently Asked Questions on Lahee and Confidential Classifications**

**Q: Can a development well be confidential?**

A: Yes, if the well's bottomhole location is outside the AER board order, the status can be confidential.

**Q: If a well is classified as development confidential, how long does it stay confidential for?**

A: When a well is licensed as confidential, it is given one year of confidential status.  However, this one year is not a guarantee. At any time during the year, if the well meets the criteria to be released under section 12.150 of the *Oil and Gas Rules*, it can be released **without** notification.

**Q: What changes to a well triggers the confidential release of a well and its information?**

A: The AER does an initial review shortly after the well has been licensed. No more reviews are done on the well unless the AER receives a request. Upon receiving a request, the AER will conduct a review to see whether the well meets the criteria to be released before the one-year period is up.

**Q: Who do I contact if I want to amend the Lahee or confidential status of my well?**

**Q: Who do I contact if I have questions or concerns about the confidential status of my well?**

**Q: Who do I contact if I have concerns about the status of another licensee’s well?**

A: E-mail any questions, concerns, or requests to Geoconfteam@AER.ca.

**Q: Can the Geoconfteam amend my drill-cutting selections?**

A: No—to amend my drill-cutting selections, please contact FacilitiesApps.Audit@AER.ca.

**Q: If I license my well as non-confidential, when will my data get released to the public?**

A: Data is released immediately for wells that have the status of non-confidential.

**Q: Can I make my well confidential after its one-year confidentiality period is up?**

A: Once the one-year confidentiality period expires, the well cannot revert back to confidential.

**Q: Can I bring my well back to confidential?**

A: Yes, a well can be amended to confidential anytime within the one-year confidentiality period as long as it meets the requirements. However, the AER is not responsible for any data that was released during the period the well was classified as non-confidential.

**Q: Where do I send my submission (appeal) package to?**

A: Appeal packages can be submitted online to Geoconfteam@aer.ca or mailed to the AER, Suite 1000, 250 – 5 Street SW, Calgary, Alberta T2P 0R4; Attention: Rate Applications.

**Q: If I license my well as non-confidential but the well is entitled to confidential status according to the *Oil and Gas Rules* 12.150, will the AER amend it?**

A: No, the licensee is allowed to classify the well as non-confidential even if the well meets the criteria to be confidential.

**Q: Can I change the Lahee to a higher exploratory classification once the well has a spud date?**

A: No, once the well has a spud date the well can only be changed to a lower exploratory classification.

**Q: Is there anywhere I can view my Lahee and confidential status?**

A: Yes, you can view your well’s status in Petrinex. Direct Petrinex-related inquiries to Petrinexsupport@petrinex.ca.