

ASTUTE

ENVIRONMENTAL & REGULATORY

"CUT THROUGH THE GREEN TAPE"

◆ Period 1

- Site Rehabilitation Program starts
- Program applications are accepted
- \$100-million increment is directed towards zero-contribution contracts

◆ Period 2

- Applications are limited to Section 36 lands
- \$100-million increment is directed towards zero-contribution contracts

◆ December 31, 2022

- Site Rehabilitation work must be completed and invoiced

Critical Dates

2020 May 1-31

2020 May 15 - June 15

2022 Dec 31

OVERVIEW

The Site Rehabilitation Program (SRP) will provide government grants to oil field service contractors to perform well, pipeline, and oil and gas site closure and reclamation work. The goals are three-folds: to create jobs, to accelerate site abandonment and reclamation efforts, and to support the environment.

The first part of the program is to launch on May 1, 2020 and will provide participating companies with funds in \$100-million increments. A second \$100-million increment, to be released from May 15 to June 15, would focus on sites where some operators have failed landowners and where the government is paying compensation to landowners as required under the Surface Rights Act.

WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE?

Oil field services contractors who do work such as:

Upstream oil and gas infrastructure abandonment including:

- Wellsite abandonment
- Pipeline abandonment
- Pipeline segment removal
- Facility abandonment

Environmental work including:

- Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental site assessments
- Remediation
- Reclamation
- Preparation of applications for remediation and reclamation certificates
- Closure work on inactive wells and pipelines

HOW DOES IT HELP YOUR COMPANY?

The funding comes from the \$1.7 billion the federal government announced on April 17 for cleaning up oil and gas facilities in Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia. The program grants cover between 25 and 100 per cent of the cost of each cleanup depending on the company's ability to pay. Contractors can apply for the SRP grants via a new online portal, starting May 1.

Once the deals between the service provider and the well licensees have been reviewed by program administrators, new contracts will be signed with the Government of Alberta. Service providers will get 10 per cent of the money up front, 60 per cent as the project progresses and the remainder upon completion.

HOW CAN ASTUTE HELP?

Our team consists of a diverse group of regulatory and environmental specialists with expertise in groundwater, soils, vegetation, and contamination management.

We understand the challenging economic environment and the increasingly complicated marketplace our clients face and are determined to find the optimal consulting solutions.

Astute provides services in:

- Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessments (ESA)
- Soil and Groundwater Remediation
- Reclamation, Detailed Site Assessment and Reclamation Certificate Applications

