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## Sewage Variance Transition Guidance Document Now Available

*The document will support municipalities in understanding their role in the sewage variance process*

In 2018, the Government of Alberta began the process of transitioning responsibility for reviewing and approving private sewage variance applications from Alberta Municipal Affairs to Safety Codes Officers employed by or contracted to municipalities. The transition will be complete, and municipalities will be responsible for this process as of **September 30, 2019**.

The intent of the transition is to bring decisions on suitability and safety of private sewage systems that may not meet current legislated standards to a local level. These variances typically consider variations in prescribed distances and materials.

To support municipalities in understanding their role in the variance process, RMA has participated on a committee with Alberta Municipal Affairs and other relevant provincial, municipal, and safety codes representatives to prepare a guidance document for municipalities. The document will be updated and subsequent versions released if and when additional information becomes available.

To access the guidance document, [click here](#).

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