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Transforming Alberta's Environmental Regulatory System Presentation Materials Now Available

On March 29, 2021, RMA hosted a presentation and Q&A session with senior representatives from Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP). This session covered how the ministry is working to fulfill the vision of a balanced and results-based approach to environmental stewardship for air, land, water, and biodiversity while still enabling sustainable development of natural resources. There are three integrated pillars of the system transformation:

- Regulatory Transformation Program: a "one window" regulatory process that is integrated, outcomes-based, and risk-managed.
- Sub-Regional and Local Planning: site-based planning to balance the diverse goals of Alberta's land, air, water, and biodiversity.
- Integrated Crown Land Management: modernized legislation to balance the shared use of Crown land and parks for economic, social, and environmental purposes.

The regulatory transformation will be implemented in stages, with sand, gravel, and *Water Act* approvals modernization being introduced in Summer 2021. The regulatory transformation will be fully implemented by 2023.

AEP has shared materials from the presentation for further review:

- AEP Regulatory System Transformation PowerPoint
- Environment and Parks Summer 2020 Backlog Pilot
- Regulatory Transformation Program Snapshot

Questions or comments on the material or the regulatory system process can be emailed to AEP.OST@gov.ab.ca.

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