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Changes to Water Act Licences

The Digital Regulatory Assurance System will now manage some Water Act Surface Water and Ground Water licences

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) has developed the [Digital Regulatory Assurance System \(DRAS\)](#) to modernize its regulatory and licence approval process. DRAS will manage the entire lifecycle of a project requiring AEP approval and monitoring, from application to authorization, monitoring, and compliance reporting, to remediation and closure.

As of November 15, 2021, DRAS will manage some [Water Act](#) surface water and groundwater licences that are regulated by AEP. The following licence applications and requests are included:

- ◆ All new applications for *Water Act* surface water and groundwater licences will need to be submitted and managed via DRAS, including any reporting requirements.
- ◆ All applications for amendments, amalgamations, and requests for transfers for existing licences will need to be submitted and managed going forward via DRAS, including any reporting requirements.

AEP is planning on migrating all existing *Water Act* licences and reporting requirements to DRAS by early 2022.

AEP has created a [factsheet](#) with more information on the changes to *Water Act* licences for further review. AEP has also set up a [DRAS Information and Training page](#) that provides an overview of DRAS and links to register for upcoming DRAS training sessions.

Please contact AEP.OST@gov.ab.ca if you have any questions about DRAS.

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