

# Weekly NEWS



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## **25th Annual ESAA Golf Tournament**

July 15th, 2020  
Alberta Springs Golf Resort

**Registration Now Open**

**To register, visit: [www.esaa.org/golf](http://www.esaa.org/golf) and click the Register Link to complete the PDF. Return the PDF via email to: [chowaniec@esaa.org](mailto:chowaniec@esaa.org)**

**How about some good news, and something to look forward to!**

The **25th** ESAA golf tournament will be held at the Alberta Springs Golf Resort on Wednesday, July 15th. As it is the 25th year, we have some special things planned for all of the golfers.

Registration will open at 10am on April 1st. At that time, the registration form will be added to the golf tournament website via the Register Link. The website is: [www.esaa.org/golf](http://www.esaa.org/golf)

**Hole Sponsorships Available:** A limited number of hole sponsorships are available. If you become a sponsor today you can register for a team at the same time, thus, beating the rush on April 1st. For more details, contact Joe Chowaniec at the ESAA Office ([chowaniec@esaa.org](mailto:chowaniec@esaa.org)).

Other important details: [chowaniec@esaa.org](mailto:chowaniec@esaa.org)

- Forms can be returned via e-mail only to [chowaniec@esaa.org](mailto:chowaniec@esaa.org)
- Individual registrations will be accepted in 2020 - max of 12 individuals
- If you have all ready registered to sponsor a hole and requested a team your spot is secure and you do not need to submit the registration form.
- Only one (1) team registration per company during the first few days of registration. A wait list of teams will be kept

**Thank you in advance for your continued support!**



***NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE 2020 ESAA  
PHOTO CONTEST***

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA



The ESAA Photo Contest celebrates the connection between the environment and ESAA members. The individual(s) that submit the winning photo(s) are highlighted every year at the *RemTech* Symposium where canvas prints are auctioned off with all proceeds going to charity. Once again this year there is also a non-member category.

The theme for this year's photo contest is "**Get Creative**".

**It light of the current health crisis affecting us all, this years theme will keep you closer to home, safe and social distancing. Get Creative** – try some macro shots, play with light, create some abstract work, photograph your plants, your backyard wildlife. Surprise Us!

You can find all this information and how to apply online at - <http://www.esaa.org/photocontest/>

**THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS AUGUST 21st.**

**Any questions can be directed to [chowaniec@esaa.org](mailto:chowaniec@esaa.org).**

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### ***CITING PANDEMIC, ALBERTA SUSPENDS ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING RULES***

(Source: CBC News) The Alberta government has suspended a number of environmental reporting requirements through a [ministerial order](#) signed by environment minister Jason Nixon, saying industry is likely to face hardship due to the COVID-19 outbreak if forced to comply with those rules.

The order, which was signed on Tuesday, suspends environmental reporting requirements for the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act (EPEA), the Water Act and the Public Lands Act, except in cases of drinking and wastewater facilities.

The move follows a step taken by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Thursday, [which also cited](#) the coronavirus pandemic as the reason behind it waiving enforcement on a number of environmental protections.

Alberta's order is not due to lapse until August, unless terminated sooner. The province said operators are still required to fully comply with all other environmental regulations during this period and report any emergencies to the government.

"To be clear, monitoring, record keeping and other activities will continue. Due to the pandemic, we are simply temporarily waiving filing deadlines to report this information," said Jess Sinclair, press secretary to Nixon in an email to CBC News.

### **'What's the intention here?'**

Martin Olszynski, an associate resource law professor at the University of Calgary, said the EPA's policy, though not identical, is stricter in some ways compared to what is being introduced in Alberta.

"There's a requirement [in the EPA move] that's tied back to, you're unable to do this because of public and health and safety concerns in relation to COVID-19. Whereas this one doesn't do that at all," Olszynski said.

"This one is almost like a blanket exemption."

In the [order](#), the Alberta government says industry must still "record and retain complete information relating to any reporting or return requirements" — data gathering activities which Olszynski said could pose risks from a public health perspective.

"But it doesn't prohibit those. It just doesn't require the proponents to submit that information, which, you know, in this day and age, with few exceptions, usually just means filing and pressing a couple buttons on a computer to submit electronically, your report," he said.

"So it's left a lot of us scratching our heads a bit. What's the intention here, and what's the rationale?"

Olszynski cited Alberta's announcement on Tuesday that it had agreed to invest approximately \$1.1 billion US as equity in [the Keystone XL project](#) as a reason why, in his opinion, the order hadn't been explained sufficiently.

"Construction on Keystone XL is going to begin immediately. So, if you can begin construction on a pipeline immediately, it's hard to understand how, from any kind of public health perspective, you can't have proponents submitting reports of their environmental data," he said.

### **Possible outcomes**

The order will reduce costs, Olszynski said, given that analyzing, organizing and readying data to be submitted has a price tag.

"That's my most generous interpretation that I can give it," he said. "But I'll be frank, I've read a lot of approvals, and I've read a lot of the reports that are submitted as part of these approvals. These are not hugely sophisticated exercises."

On the flip side, Olszynski said a months-long interruption in data could undermine reliability and researchers' ability to infer anything from that data.

"The thing that probably some of us fear is that some proponents will see this as a licence or an invitation to not actually do the gathering," he said. "In this context, when you send a message to your regulatory community that, 'This is not as important to us right now, because we're dealing with this other thing.'"

"There's a danger there that people will see it as an invitation or a licence to play fast and loose with the rules."

## **Project examples**

An example of what regulations are involved in these types of scenarios is illustrated in the case of Fortress Mountain Resort, which in October of 2019 was allowed to [change its water license](#).

Shaun Fluker, environmental law professor at the University of Calgary, said the reporting requirement of that approval required Fortress to regularly report flow rates — something the new order pauses.

"Yes, they still have to record the information. But nobody's going to know, until it's long after the fact, whether or not the flow rate was where it needed to be," Fluker said. "So, routine reporting requirements are arguably, in some cases, the bedrock of the regulatory apparatus." Fluker said the moves run the risk of looking like an overreach given how quickly they were enacted.

"The risk of any of these powers, is that they're exercised without democratic dialogue," he said. "Time is of the essence, no doubt, but another day or two to debate whether or not we've got enough mechanisms in here to ensure we're not creating more problems than we're solving — I think we would have that time."

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### ***EXPANDED POWERS FOR ALBERTA ORPHAN WELL GROUP COULD ALLOW IT TO OPERATE PIPELINES, PRODUCE OIL***

(Source: CBC News) The Orphan Well Association will be able to produce oil from ownerless wells and operate pipelines, should new legislation pass.

The United Conservative Party government tabled legislation Tuesday afternoon that would expand the powers of the Orphan Well Association (OWA) — an industry-funded, non-profit organization that cleans up wells abandoned by broke companies.

The tweaks are urgently needed to keep well remediation work continuing as oil prices tank worldwide and the COVID-19 pandemic pummels the economy, government house leader Jason Nixon said Tuesday morning in Edmonton.

"We've been clear we see that as a way forward for job creation in the coming months," Nixon said at a press conference.

Bill 12, the Liabilities Management Statutes Amendment Act, would amend two pieces of provincial legislation: the Oil and Gas Conservation Act and the Pipeline Act.

Expanding the roles and responsibilities of the OWA and the Alberta Energy Regulator will help reduce the number of orphaned wells in Alberta, keep and create jobs and accelerate the cleanup of sites that bankrupt oil companies have deserted, according to the government.

With the pandemic prompting the Alberta government to restrict gatherings to 15 people or less to prevent spread of disease, Nixon said work should still be able to proceed safely on some oil and gas cleanup projects.

If approved by the legislature, the changes would allow the OWA to produce oil from abandoned, viable well while attempting to find a buyer. The OWA could also bring in other companies to run the wells.

The OWA could also operate pipelines, should legislators approve the bill.

The OWA would be able to use an orphan fund not just for cleanup, but to cover the cost of managing operation of oil wells and associated infrastructure.

Changes would also allow OWA to go to court to apply for an insolvency professional to take responsibility for abandoned wells.

### **Opposition questions bill necessity**

NDP leader Rachel Notley said Tuesday the changes could be a major shift in mandate for the OWA. She questioned whether such a significant change was urgently needed, as the government claims.

The legislation could transition OWA to becoming a government oil-and-gas operator rather than an organization that exists to reduce environmental liabilities and enable cleanup, she said.

Notley said such a change should happen in consultation with landowners who grapple with the problem of abandoned wells on their properties.

Earlier this month, the government extended a \$100-million loan to the OWA to accelerate well reclamation work. The organization estimated the loan will allow them to decommission 1,000 wells, start assessment of 1,000 more sites and create 500 jobs.

As of last week, the OWA had recorded more than 2,700 abandoned wells and 4,100 abandoned pipeline segments across Alberta.

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### ***ALBERTA ENVIRONMENT AND PARKS - NEW RELEASE - REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN GUIDE***

The Remedial Action Plan Guide presents Alberta Environment and Parks' policy concerning remedial action plans for contaminated sites regulated by the Department. The Guide applies at all stages of contamination management associated with a released substance for those activities regulated by the Department. This document outlines information that must be contained in a complete remedial action plan submitted to the Department, based on requirements outlined in the Remediation Regulation (2019). It is expected to be used by site managers, environmental professionals and project managers who develop, implement and monitor remedial action plans for contaminated sites.

The Remedial Action Plan Guide is available at: <https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/remedial-action-plan-guide>

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### ***AER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO***

The AER is pleased to announce that after a thorough and exhaustive competition, Laurie Pushor has been named President and CEO, effective April 15, 2020.

Mr. Pushor has an in-depth understanding of—and appreciation for – the critical work of the energy regulator. As deputy minister of the Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources, he played an integral role in ensuring regulation was well-managed and balanced in protecting the environment while allowing responsible energy development.

Mr. Pushor also has outstanding experience leading organizations through major transformation and change, which will be a huge asset as the AER continues its journey to ensuring we have not only the structure, but the vision and culture we need to achieve our mandate.

The AER's Board of Directors would also like to thank Gordon Lambert for his service to the AER, and for helping ensure a smooth transition.

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### ***ALBERTA ENERGY REGULATOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS***

Naming seven accomplished industry experts to the Alberta Energy Regulator board of directors will stabilize its governance and leadership.

These appointments will strengthen the regulator's governance structure through their diverse skill sets and wide-ranging energy experience. The board of directors will focus on increasing stability within the AER, helping the energy industry operate during the COVID-19 pandemic and current challenging economic conditions.

"The new board will bring a steady hand to the AER during these unprecedented economic times. We want to ensure that there is a well-functioning regulator in place. With the leadership provided by the new board, Alberta will continue to be a responsible resource developer." *Sonya Savage, Minister of Energy*

"During our review of the AER, we heard – loudly and clearly – that our government should appoint a new board of directors. We have followed through, and, in the near future, we will announce other initiatives we're taking to improve the AER's mandate, governance and system operations. In the meantime, these appointees will help ensure Alberta's regulatory system is stable and efficient." *Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks.*

As the single regulator for energy development in Alberta, the AER ensures the safe, efficient, orderly, and environmentally responsible development of oil, oil sands, natural gas and coal resources over their entire life cycle.

The following individuals have been appointed for five-year terms, effective April 15:

- David Goldie, the chair of the board, is a professional geologist and holds an MBA from the University of Calgary. He has more than 30 years of experience in the oil and gas industry, serving in senior executive level positions with a number of major North American energy companies. He is currently a member of the AER's interim board of directors.
- Georgette Habib holds a master's degree in economics and is a former full-time board member of the National Energy Board, including serving as chair of the Regulatory Policy Development Committee. She has more than 30 years of experience in both provincial and federal energy regulation. She is currently a member of the AER's interim board of directors.
- Jude Daniels has worked in the energy sector since 1998 as both legal counsel and in Aboriginal relations. Her experience includes working for several large oil and gas companies, as well as leading the first cross-ministry team tasked to develop the original *First Nations Consultation Policy* for the Government of Alberta.
- Gary Leach is a former senior executive with more than 25 years of experience and served as president of the Explorers and Producers Association of Canada. A lawyer by trade, he has a deep understanding of regulatory issues affecting the energy industry across Western Canada.
- Tracey McCrimmon is the executive director of Sunde Petroleum Operators Group. She has extensive experience working in surface land management in more than 40 rural municipality districts and over 20 urban municipalities.
- Corrina Bryson is a corporate director and independent consultant with more than 25 years of experience in the energy industry. She currently serves on the Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board, Emissions Reduction Alberta, and the Alberta Petroleum Marketing Commission.
- Beverly Yee is deputy minister of Environment and Parks, appointed to the role in September 2018 after serving as deputy minister of Intergovernmental Relations and Agriculture and Forestry. She has also held five assistant deputy roles since joining the Government of Alberta in 1994. She is currently serving as chair of the AER's interim board of directors.

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### ***AER: REGULATORY DOCUMENTS REVIEW***

The AER continually works to improve its regulations and processes to ensure Alberta's energy resources are developed in a manner that is responsible, safe, and efficient. As part of its contributions towards the Government of Alberta's *Red Tape Reduction Act*, the AER will be making modifications to its regulatory instruments to reduce requirements.

The AER will continue to improve the clarity of our regulatory framework by amending, deleting, or rescinding obsolete and duplicative requirements that place regulatory and administrative burden on regulated parties. These changes will not impact public safety, environmental protection, or resource conservation.

Usually, updates to regulatory instruments are announced by bulletin. Given the number of instruments affected by this initiative, this bulletin is the primary announcement at this time.

Changes to regulatory instruments, including additions, amendments, and rescissions, can be viewed on the AER website, [www.aer.ca](http://www.aer.ca) > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > [Regulatory Change Report](#).

For more information, please contact our Customer Contact Centre by phone at 403-297-8311 (1-855-297-8311 toll free) or by email at [inquiries@er.ca](mailto:inquiries@er.ca).

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### ***AER LAYS CHARGES AGAINST TAMARACK VALLEY ENERGY***

The Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) has laid charges against Tamarack Valley Energy and its subsidiary for

- using water without AER approval,
- failing to monitor its water use, and
- failing to properly report its water use to the AER.

The Water Act charges are the result of an investigation into the company's drilling and hydraulic fracturing operations near Veteran between January 2017 and April 2018.

To ensure Tamarack's right to a fair prosecution, the AER cannot release further details. Tamarack's first court appearance is scheduled for June 12, 2020, in Coronation.

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***CCME: DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT: CANADIAN WATER QUALITY GUIDELINES FOR THE PROTECTION OF AQUATIC LIFE: NEONICOTINOID INSECTICIDES***

A draft [Scientific Criteria Document for the Development of Canadian Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Aquatic Life: Neonicotinoid insecticides](#) for acetamiprid, clothianidin, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam and thiacloprid is available for public review and comment until May 28, 2020. The scientific criteria document is available in English and French.

Neonicotinoid insecticides (NNIs) are a group of pesticides commonly used in agriculture. Due to their high water solubility, NNIs are transported from agricultural lands to surface waters, where they have been detected with high frequency. The NNI mode of action has been shown to cause lethality as well as sub-lethal behavioural, growth and reproductive effects in aquatic life. Toxicity varies greatly, with invertebrate taxa, and particularly insects, showing higher sensitivity to NNIs than vertebrates.

Please submit comments to:

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***REMEDIATION TECHNOLOGY NEWS AND RESOURCES***

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(The following are selected items from the US EPA's Tech Direct - <http://clu-in.org/techdirect/>)

**Upcoming Live Internet Seminars**

**ITRC Connecting the Science to Managing LNAPL Sites a 3 Part Series ? April 7, 14, and 28, 2020.** The newly updated LNAPLs (Light Non-Aqueous Phase Liquids) 3-part training course series is based on the ITRC guidance: LNAPL Site Management: LCSM Evolution, Decision Process, and Remedial Technologies (LNAPL-3, 2018) and focuses on connecting the science to managing LNAPL sites and helping you: build upon your understanding of LNAPL behavior in the subsurface (Part 1), develop your LNAPL conceptual site model and LNAPL remedial goals (Part 2), and select/implement LNAPL technologies (Part 3). After this training series, the expectation is that you will have the skills and understanding to use ITRC science-based resources to improve decision making at your LNAPL sites. For regulators and other government agency staff, this improved understanding can hopefully be incorporated into your own LNAPL programs. It is expected that participants will attend this 3-part training series in sequence. For more information and to register, see <https://www.itrcweb.org> or <https://clu-in.org/live>.

**Heat Enhanced Hydrolysis of Energetic Compounds and Field Results - April 8, 2020, 1:00PM-3:00PM EDT (17:00-19:00 GMT).** The USACE Omaha District implemented a low temperature thermal pilot study to evaluate the effects of in situ heating to enhance the hydrolysis of munition constituents (MCs) found in soil. Heating of vadose zone soils is occurring through the application of electrical resistance heating (ERH) at sub-steaming temperatures. The site was established to receive and store ammunition and was placed into inactive status in 1967. The area to be targeted by the pilot study is a former leach bed, contaminated with munition compounds, which include hexahydro-1,3,5-trinitro-1,3,5-triazine (RDX), trinitrotoluene (TNT), dinitrotoluene (DNT), and pentaerythritol tetranitrate (PETN). The treatment volume soil was heated to an average of 80°C over a period of about two months starting in July 2019 and maintained temperature for four additional months. Following four months of heating, soil samples were collected in November 2019. An additional round of soil

sampling occurred after six months of heating in January 2020. The presentation will focus on the innovative approach to enhancing hydrolysis, results of low temperature ERH remediation, including MC data from various confirmation soil sampling events, and lessons learned when implementing a low temperature thermal remedy. For more information and to register, see <https://clu-in.org/live>.

**Ecological Risk Assessment Approaches at PFAS-Impacted Sites - April 8, 2020, 1:00PM (17:00 GMT).**

ERDP and ESTCP have launched a webinar series to promote the transfer of innovative, cost-effective and sustainable solutions developed through projects funded in five program areas. The webinar series targets Department of Defense and Department of Energy practitioners, the regulatory community and environmental researchers with the goal of providing cutting edge and practical information that is easily accessible at no cost. This session will feature two presenters discussing ecological risk assessment approaches at PFAS-impacted sites. For more information and to register, see <https://www.serdp-estcp.org/Tools-and-Training/Webinar-Series>.

**NARPM Presents?Stand and Deliver Effective Presentations - April 16, 2020,1:00PM-3:00PM EDT (17:00-19:00 GMT).**

This webinar will provide participants with guidelines on how to make better presentations to the public, their peers, or management. The webinar will help to improve your presentation skills and provide you with tools and techniques to be an interesting and effective presenter. The webinar is intended to help participants increase their comfort in public speaking, control and connect with their audience, handle audience participation, and ultimately deliver the message and take-away points of training courses they are planning to instruct. The webinar will teach participants how to manage nerves, voice, gestures, transitions, visual aids, and content. The webinar also addresses how to manage the audience to include difficult participants, the solicitation of questions, and the response to questions and will include techniques for adapting to diverse audiences. For more information and to register, see <https://clu-in.org/live>.

**New Documents and Web Resources**

**Technology Innovation News Survey Corner.** The Technology Innovation News Survey contains market/commercialization information; reports on demonstrations, feasibility studies and research; and other news relevant to the hazardous waste community interested in technology development. Recent issues, complete archives, and subscription information is available at <https://clu-in.org/products/tins/>. The following resources were included in recent issues:

- Implementing Advanced Site Characterization Tools
- Optimizing Injection Strategies and In Situ Remediation Performance
- Investigative Area 12 Operable Unit-2 Interim Remedial Measure Progress Report Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. Site, 340 Kingsland Street, Nutley, New Jersey
- Ethylene Dibromide In Situ Biodegradation Pilot Test Report Bulk Fuels Facility Solid Waste Management Units ST-106 ad SS-111, Kirkland Air Force Base, New Mexico
- Proof-of-Concept for the in situ Toxicity Identification Evaluation (iTIE) Technology for Assessing Contaminated Sediments, Remediation Success, Recontamination, and Source Identification
- Biologically Mediated Abiotic Degradation (BMAD) of Chlorinated Ethenes: A New Conceptual Framework

**Investigation of a Sustainable Approach to In-situ Remediation of Arsenic Impacted Groundwater**

**(EPA/600/R-19/102, September 2019).** Scientists from Region 2 [Nica Klaber and Hunter Young (now R10)], ORD CESER (Richard Wilkin and Diana Cutt), and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are co-authors on a new EPA Report, ?Investigation of a Sustainable Approach to In-situ Remediation of Arsenic Impacted Groundwater.? This study was conducted at the Vineland Superfund Site (New Jersey) and examined the optimization of an in-situ arsenic immobilization technology to replace or augment an existing pump and treat system for contaminated groundwater. Key processes controlling arsenic immobilization were determined through bench-scale testing, geochemical modeling, and groundwater/aquifer characterization. Field data showed that arsenic and iron concentrations were reduced from levels around 1,000 and 15,000 ?g/L to levels as low as 10 and 1,000 ?g/L, respectively. Results from this work can be used to optimize the design and operation of the full-scale system and provide guidance for the design of air sparge systems at sites with similar conditions. The collaborative research was supported through an ORD STLR Funding Project. View or download at [https://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si\\_public\\_record\\_Report.cfm?dirEntryId=348256&Lab=CESER](https://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si_public_record_Report.cfm?dirEntryId=348256&Lab=CESER)

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## ESAA Member News

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### **AGAT Laboratories Ltd. acquires Access Analytical Laboratories Inc.**

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**Calgary, Alberta, March 30, 2020** - AGAT Laboratories Ltd. ('AGAT') Canada's National commercial laboratory providing services to the Energy, Environmental, Food, Mining, Industrial, Transportation and Life Sciences industries has acquired Access Analytical Laboratories Inc. ('Access').

Founded in 2000, Access is a highly reputable environmental analytical laboratory headquartered in Calgary, Alberta and operates throughout Western Canada. A boutique testing firm, Access is committed to solving clients' challenges through novel science and has built a strong reputation in the market with their approach. Integrating the Access team into AGAT will complement and support AGAT's technical expertise and diversify AGAT services offerings to its clients.

Bob Corbet, M.Sc., P.Ag., P.Chem., Access owner and principal chemist states "we are pleased and proud to benefit from joining AGAT to continue to grow in the Canadian market. I am personally excited to combine our competencies and provide our clients with diversified and high quality analytical services". Mr. Corbet will join AGAT as Director of Technical Services. Access' owner Trevor Ahlstrom, Ch. T., has been appointed Operations Manager at AGAT. The consolidated experience of all the scientists and other professionals that make up the Access and AGAT teams will enhance the level of service that we offer our clients across the breadth of AGAT services. Our new expanded technical team will enable us to shore up the training and professional development of all AGAT staff throughout our Canadian operations, while simultaneously pursuing substantial investment initiatives in Research and Development of new technologies from coast to coast.

Marissa Reckmann, CEO of AGAT comments "We welcome the Access team to AGAT. It's exciting to bring two strong Canadian entrepreneurial built companies together with a shared vision and culture. Our clients and employees will benefit from the synergies that will result from the relationship."

With the acquisition of Access, AGAT will continue to provide important services to Orphan Well Association laboratory testing program. AGAT's multidisciplinary expertise and extensive laboratory network throughout Alberta offers the most viable and effective locally-based laboratory to this important program. The work carried out through the Orphan Well program is critically important to safely and responsibly decommission orphan oil and gas wells, pipelines and production facilities. AGAT and Access' combined expertise will provide local technical support and advanced analytical expertise in the cleanup of orphan wells. In addition, we will continue to be involved in major capital programs across our network of clients, delivering our comprehensive support on front-end environmental assessments, monitoring and asset retirement obligations.

This acquisition comes in the midst of celebrating a major milestone for AGAT: our 40th year in business. It's the culmination of a remarkable Canadian success story that carries on to this day. Thanks to our stability, resilience and entrepreneurial spirit, we have been able to keep re-inventing ourselves while preserving our identity as a privately owned Canadian company that operates a coast-to-coast laboratory network from our Head Office in Calgary, Alberta. We remain steadfast in our commitment to the three key pillars that anchor AGAT's purpose of "Service Beyond Analysis": Our people, our clients, and our communities. As many clients are aware, AGAT locations throughout Alberta allow for more readily available drop off convenience for Access clients.

We encourage all ACCESS clients and in particular OWA consultants to drop off at any AGAT location and we will facilitate delivery to the appropriate laboratory within the AGAT Network. We included a map and list of AGAT locations throughout Alberta and wish to reiterate that AGAT remains open across Canada as an essential service during the Covid-19 crisis.

## Industry Positions Openings



**As a benefit of ESAA Membership**, ESAA Members can now post position openings on our website at no charge. Position opening ads also will appear in the newsletter at no charge. For full details visit: <https://www.esaa.org/news/job-board/>

**Note:** You must still complete the advertising form. After completing the order form, you will receive an email with a link to post your position.

**Non-Members** are welcome to advertise as well for a nominal charge. Visit [advertising form](#) to place your order.

| Job Title   | Organization                      | Application Deadline | Term      | Details              |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Senior Environmental/Risk Assessor                              | Solstice Environmental Management | 2020-04-05           | Full-Time | <a href="#">more</a> |
| Environmental Inspectors  | Trace Associates Inc.             | 2020-04-14           | Contract  | <a href="#">more</a> |
| Environmental Scientist or Biologist - 5 to 10 Years Experience | Langan                            | 2020-04-30           | Full-Time | <a href="#">more</a> |
| Senior Environmental Engineer/Geoscientist                      | DILLON CONSULTING LIMITED         | 2020-04-30           | Full-Time | <a href="#">more</a> |
| MRF Operations Manager  | KBL Environmental                 | 2020-04-30           | Full-Time | <a href="#">more</a> |
| Air Quality Scientist I   | SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.      | 2020-05-08           | Full-Time | <a href="#">more</a> |
| Air Quality Scientist II  | SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.      | 2020-05-08           |           | <a href="#">more</a> |
| Department Manager I  | Element Materials Technology      | 2020-03-16           | Full-Time | <a href="#">more</a> |

