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## Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation

The Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and was filed as Alberta Regulation 263/2007. The regulation, authorized by Ministerial Order L:257/07 comes into force on January 1, 2008. The regulation will introduce new rates that will be phased in over three years (2008 to 2010).

The regulation is available through Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing at [www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc\\_property\\_assessment\\_and\\_taxation\\_legislation.cfm](http://www.municipalaffairs.gov.ab.ca/mc_property_assessment_and_taxation_legislation.cfm) or through the Queen's Printer bookstore. Queen's Printer bookstore can be contacted online at [www.qp.gov.ab.ca/index.cfm](http://www.qp.gov.ab.ca/index.cfm) or at (780) 427-4952, or by fax at (780) 452-0668.

Alberta Municipal Affairs and Housing conducted a consultation on the Well Drilling Equipment Tax Rate Regulation from August 12, 2007 to October 12, 2007. The consultation focused on updating the rates in the regulation based on increases in road construction costs since 1981.

The ministry will begin consultation in spring 2008 on the following issues that resulted from the well drilling equipment tax (WDET) consultation held in the fall of 2007:

- a. Amend legislation to allow municipalities to charge either the WDET or road levies, but not both, or
- b. Develop an alternate proposal based on the recommendations of the MLA Industrial Property Assessment Review Committee (1998), or
- c. Eliminate the WDET and add the well drilling cost to the property assessment model for wells.

The ministry would like to thank all stakeholders who were involved in the WDET consultation. We look forward to your participation in the 2008 WDET consultation.

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