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**Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc.  
Portable Fire Extinguishers**

**ISSUE:**

Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. service staff travel to unmanned facilities to perform routine maintenance on equipment and have been experiencing theft and vandalism of their portable fire extinguishers at unmanned facilities and have implemented the following to guarantee the required portable fire extinguishers will be on-site and accessible if required.

**BACKGROUND:**

Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. has implemented two policies to ensure that portable fire extinguishers will be available at their unmanned facilities.

Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. has implemented a company policy which places all portable fire extinguishers in the locked control room of unmanned facilities. When personnel arrive at the unmanned facility to perform work activities portable fire extinguishers will be placed in appropriate work areas prior to work commencing.

In addition, Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. has implemented a company policy to ensure that all of their service vehicles and all contractors hired by Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. vehicles are equipped with at least an 80-B:C rated portable fire extinguisher. All Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. staff and contractor personnel are trained in the use of the portable fire extinguishers.

All extinguishers are serviced and maintained in operating condition and in the event of a fire all service staff have immediate access to either the on-site or vehicle mounted extinguisher.

**CODE REQUIREMENT:** (Alberta Fire Code (AFC), Division B)

2.1.5.1.(1). Portable extinguishers shall be installed in all *buildings* except *dwelling units*.

**VARIANCE:**

After examining policies implemented by Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. for unmanned facilities it has been determined their portable fire extinguisher policies will satisfy Sentence 2.1.5.1.(1) of the AFC. All portable fire extinguishers are to be inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with Section 6.2 of the AFC.

This VARIANCE applies to Quicksilver Resources Canada Inc. unmanned facilities throughout Alberta.

**NOTE: Any changes to the original standard operating procedures and policies examined by this office are to be submitted for re-examination and approval to ensure they meet the intent of this Variance.**