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New Edition of *Directive 071* and New Manual

Today we released a new edition of [Directive 071: Emergency Preparedness and Response](#) and its new companion [Manual 026: Emergency Preparedness and Response Guide](#).

This edition of *Directive 071* and the creation of *Manual 026* reflect our ongoing commitment to public safety and protection of the environment and is a step towards modernizing and aligning with the best practices for emergency management. We have made the following revisions to the directive:

- Duplicated requirements and requirements that are no longer needed have been removed.
- The directive now applies to operations regulated under the [Geothermal Resource Development Act](#).
- The directive has been restructured to improve its organization.
- Content relating to emergency preparedness and response guidance has been removed from the directive and placed in *Manual 026*.

Manual 026 also includes information concerning considerations when consulting with appropriate authorities that previously resided in *Bulletin 2010-48*.

Directive 071 and *Manual 026* will undergo further revision as we continue modernizing and aligning with the best practices in emergency management.

The revised edition of *Directive 071* is available on our website at www.aer.ca > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > [Directives](#). The new edition of *Manual 026* is available on our website at www.aer.ca > Regulating Development > Rules and Directives > [Manuals](#).

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