

Statement of Justification for *Historical Resources Act* Clearance for Small-scale Oil and Gas Projects

Instructions for use:

A completed version of the “Statement of Justification for Historical Resources Act Clearance for Small-scale Oil and Gas Projects” form may be uploaded with an Application for Historical Resources Act Clearance submitted using the Online Permitting and Clearance (OPaC) system. In most cases, completing the comments area on the clearance application form or attaching a covering letter will provide sufficient information for the Historic Resources Management Branch to reach a decision. The “Statement of Justification for Historical Resources Act Clearance for Small-scale Oil and Gas Projects” is to be used to support recommendations for clearance where additional clarification is required (e.g., the Recommended Action Matrix is ambiguous or specific disturbance circumstances apply) or for very large and/or complicated projects (e.g., drilling programs, gathering systems, etc.).

Project Identifier 1. Full official name of the proposed development (project identifier). This name should be the one used by the proponent and other regulators. This name must be used consistently throughout the justification document and any subsequent correspondence.
Name: Company: Phone number: Fax number: E-mail address: 2. Name, affiliation and contact information of the person who prepared the document. Recommendations regarding archaeological resources must be made by a professional archaeologist.
Activity type and anticipated ground disturbance 3. Description of the type of activity and extent of possible impacts (e.g., details regarding topsoil stripping, low impact drilling, directional drilling, depth of excavation, etc.)
Project size 4. Approximate size of the disturbance area, including anticipated depth (e.g., 1.5 ha, 30 m x 7.5 m wide right-of-way, etc). Be as precise as possible.
Existing Disturbance 5. Information regarding any previously existing surface or subsurface disturbance (e.g., previously cultivated field, re-entry of existing pad site, etc.)
Landscape and Environmental Information <i>Landscape information, such as vegetation, landform, drainage and topography types, that may influence archaeological site and sedimentation potential in the activity area (e.g., parkland, draped moraine, 100 m west of creek, low sedimentation potential, etc.)</i>

Archaeological Resources		
Borden #	HRV	Relationship to activity and Anticipated Impacts
<p>List Borden numbers for all known archaeological sites in vicinity of the proposed development.</p> <p>e.g.,</p> <p>XxYy-0</p>	4	<p>6. Describe relationship of the proposed development to known sites. Where sites are adjacent to developments, include estimated distance. Be as precise as possible. Discuss whether or not the site(s) will be impacted by the proposed development. Copies of the site form(s) are not required</p> <p>The site is 20 metres south of the access road and will not be impacted by this development.</p>
Historic Structure(s)		Anticipated Impacts
<p>Search the Provincial Heritage Survey records and provide a list of all previously recorded historic structures in the same section.</p> <p>e.g.,</p> <p>HS00000 Farm house</p>		<p>7. Describe relationship of the proposed development to known sites and discuss whether or not the site(s) will be impacted. Copies of the site form(s) are not required.</p> <p>The house is 30 metres west and across the road from the proposed development and will not be impacted.</p>
Permit Number(s)		Relationship to proposed development footprint
<p>Provide a list of the permit numbers for all previous studies in the section(s) that may be affected by the proposed development.</p>		<p>8. Discuss all previous studies that have included lands within the proposed development footprint.</p>
Attached Illustrative Materials		
<p>9. List all illustrative materials attached. These must include a 1:20,000 or 1:50,000 NTS map that clearly depicts the development footprint with any known archaeological sites and/or historic structures within or immediately adjacent to the development. Maps must include visibly marked Section, Township, Range and Meridian lines. Other illustrative materials that may be attached include air photos or other photographs.</p>		
Evaluation		
<p>10. Using the assembled data along with your professional expertise, provide an evaluation of the potential of the proposed development to impact known or unknown historic resources. Recommendations regarding archaeological resources must be made by a professional archaeologist.</p>		