

## ***SECTION 4 – ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS***

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### **4.2.2 PROVINCIAL INTERDEPARTMENTAL REFERRALS**

Provincial Departments have the mandate for regulating surface disturbances on private and Provincial Crown Land and all water throughout the Province.

In order to coordinate a provincial response for highway and bridge construction projects, an interdepartmental referral system has been implemented. All referrals shall be directed to:

Industrial and Roadways and Reservation Unit  
Disposition Services Section  
Public Lands Division  
Alberta Sustainable Resource Development  
5th Floor South Tower, Petroleum Plaza  
9915 - 108 St., Edmonton, AB T5K 2G8  
Tel. No. (780) 427-4682 Fax No. (780) 422-3120

It is **MANDATORY** that the referral occurs through all stages of a project. Contact shall be initiated as soon as a project is awarded to the Consultant and shall be continued up to the completion of the project. Close contact with the field staff of the regulatory agency is required during all stages of a project.

There are differing information requirements imposed by the regulatory agencies for the various stages of a project. The full details of the requirements should be confirmed through the Industrial and Roadways and Reservation Unit. Examples of information requirements are included in Appendix “C”.

All plans submitted during the referral process must contain sufficient information for the regulatory agencies to make informed decisions. Regulatory agencies include Alberta Environment, Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, and Alberta Community Development.

### **4.3 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE**

The Consultant shall ensure that all applications, for which they are responsible, are prepared and submitted to the appropriate regulatory agency responsible for approving the application. The information collection required in support of these applications shall be commenced well in advance of the application preparation and submission date.

It should be noted that it may take a considerable period of time before any permit, approval or authorization for environmentally sensitive areas is issued. The Consultant shall ensure that applications are submitted well in advance of the proposed tender date.