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SUBJECT: AMMONITE SHELL

As part of the regulatory review initiative of the Government of Alberta, the Departments of Energy and Community Development will be starting a review of the Ammonite Shell Regulation and policies later this year. The two departments will jointly conduct this review since they both have a major role in the administration of this resource. An integral part of the process will be consultation with the ammonite shell industry and meetings for this purpose will be arranged for later this summer.

In another matter, the Department has a number of pieces of land shown on its Ammonite Shell maps as "Reserved by Department". These are former application or agreement lands that were returned to the Department for a variety of reasons. Effective June 2, 1997 the Department will accept applications for ammonite shell agreements on these lands on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be accepted at the Department of Energy offices in Calgary and Edmonton. The Ammonite Shell maps may also be viewed at these offices.

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