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**INFORMATION LETTER # OGC 09-04**

**Subject: Well Authorization (WA) Drilling Period Extension Request**

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**To: Industry Clients**

**Effective Date:** Immediate

**Background:**

This Information Letter follows [OGC 08-14 Well Authorization Timelines](#), released on December 12, 2008 regarding WA timelines and drilling period extension requests.

**Requirement:**

A Drilling Period Extension Request Form is now posted on the Commission website and can be accessed through the following link:

[http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/documents/forms/wells/Drilling\\_Period\\_Extension\\_Request\\_2.pdf](http://www.ogc.gov.bc.ca/documents/forms/wells/Drilling_Period_Extension_Request_2.pdf)

Alternatively, it can be located from the main page by accessing: Wells, Well Forms, New Forms. The current Wells and Test Holes Manual has been amended to reflect the new WA cancellation direction and the drilling period extension request.

The Commission now requires a Drilling Period Extension Request be submitted to the Commission 30 calendar days prior to the second year anniversary date of the issuance of the WA. Until further notice there will be no extension request fee.

Please note that a Notice of Construction Start does not suffice as meeting the drilling requirements of the WA, nor for the granting of a Drilling Period Extension Request.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact:

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