

BULLETIN

Date	Subject	Notice
September 23, 2026	Requirements for Stimulated Natural Hydrogen Exploration and Production	LMT2026-001

The Ministry of Energy and Resources has reviewed the tenure requirements applicable to stimulated natural hydrogen exploration and production activities in Saskatchewan.

Following consideration of the current legislative and regulatory framework, the Ministry has determined that stimulated natural hydrogen exploration and production activities require tenure under the helium and associated gases tenure framework established pursuant to [The Oil and Gas Tenure Registry Regulations](#). This framework provides the mechanism for acquiring Crown subsurface rights associated with helium, natural hydrogen, and other associated gases.

Accordingly:

1. Exploration Phase

Prior to conducting stimulated natural hydrogen exploration activities, a proponent must obtain a **Helium and Associated Gases Permit** through the public offering process established under *The Oil and Gas Tenure Registry Regulations*.

2. Production Phase

Prior to commencing production of stimulated natural hydrogen, a proponent must hold a **Helium and Associated Gases Lease** for the lands on which production is proposed.

Applying the helium and associated gases tenure framework provides regulatory certainty for industry proponents while supporting the orderly development and stewardship of emerging hydrogen resources. This approach ensures that naturally occurring and stimulated natural hydrogen are administered consistently within Saskatchewan's evolving tenure system.

The Ministry reserves the right to impose additional requirements, approvals, or conditions based on the specific nature of a project, proposed stimulation activities, and any applicable environmental, subsurface, operational, or regulatory considerations.

Questions?

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