



PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION

REMOVAL AND/OR FILL PLACEMENT PROPOSALS CRITERIA FOR TECHNICAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY CONSULTANTS

The Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) requires consistency in the quality and format of technical reports submitted to the Commission by applicants (owners) and their agent(s). The ALC requires a technical report containing the following information for all resource extraction and/or fill placement proposals.

All reports must follow the criteria for field work and reporting as established in Policy P-10 Criteria for Agricultural Capability Assessments (attached).

LAND REHABILITATION REPORTS FOR SOIL REMOVAL OR FILL PLACEMENT

All technical reports submitted in support of applications and/or notices of intent involving land rehabilitation must meet the general requirements listed above and contain the following:

- A detailed soil survey and agricultural capability analysis of the land(s) under application, including potential soil bound crop options, and any affected or potentially affected neighbouring properties at an appropriate scale (see Policy P-10).
- All existing resource information such as government soil survey and agricultural capability mapping must be included and discussed in the context of the detailed survey.
- An inventory and description of existing land use on the subject land(s) and surrounding lands must be included.
- An assessment of existing surface and subsurface drainage conditions on the subject land(s) and surrounding lands should be included. In particular, possible drainage improvements apart from the proposed works must be assessed.
- A detailed operating and reclamation plan must be prepared and include, but not be limited to, the following elements:
 - a) plans and cross-sections showing existing conditions, interim and final grades, and slope gradient (%) drawn at an appropriate scale and prepared by a Professional Engineer or Registered BC Land Surveyor;
 - b) a topsoil management plan addressing stripping, storage and replacement issues;
 - c) an operating, phasing and rehabilitation plan for the interim non-farm use activity;
 - d) fill certification procedures and site control measures to ensure that only clean soil material is accepted at any site proposed for import of soil from off site;
 - e) erosion control measures;
 - f) weed management plan;
 - g) plan for crop/vegetation establishment;
 - h) detailed drainage plans for the rehabilitated site to ensure optimum surface and subsurface drainage conditions;
 - i) schedule of monitoring procedures and reporting;

- j) final proposed agricultural capability; and
- k) closure procedures and certification of the work.

1.2 A discussion of any agricultural improvement to the land, or any loss of opportunity, which might be attributable to the proposed works described in the report.