

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998  
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

**CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO PRESCRIBE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR AN AUTHORISATION, RIGHT, PERMIT OR LICENCE FOR THE ONSHORE EXPLORATION OF OIL AND GAS INTENDING TO UTILISE HYDRAULIC FRACTURING**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby consult on the intention to prescribe, in terms of section 24(5)(h) of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (the Act), the *Minimum Requirements for the Submission of Applications for an Authorisation, Right, Permit or Licence for the Onshore Exploration of Oil and Gas Intending to Utilise Hydraulic Fracturing, Revision 0 May 2022*.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or inputs, within 45 days after the publication of this Notice in the *Gazette*, to any of the following addresses:

By post to:       The Director-General  
                  Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
                  Attention: Dr D Fischer  
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By hand at:       Reception, Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria.

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Any inquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Dr Dee Fischer at [dfischer@dffe.gov.za](mailto:dfischer@dffe.gov.za) or at telephone number 012 399 8843.

Comments or input received after the closing date may not be considered.



**BARBARA DALLAS CREECY  
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

## SCHEDULE

1. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment has, through an inter-governmental consultation process, developed *Minimum Information Requirements for the Submission of Applications for an Authorisation, Right, Permit or Licence for the Onshore Exploration of Oil and Gas Intending to Utilise Hydraulic Fracturing, Revision 0 May 2022*.
2. The *Minimum Information Requirements for the Submission of Applications for an Authorisation, Right, Permit or Licence for the Onshore Exploration of Oil and Gas Intending to Utilise Hydraulic Fracturing, Revision 0 May 2022* has been developed with the following objectives, namely to:
  - 2.1 identify and consolidate the authorisation requirements of all decision-making authorities into one guidance document for the information of the applicant;
  - 2.2 facilitate the combination of the information prepared in line with these Minimum Information Requirements into one consolidated impact assessment report and base line monitoring plan;
  - 2.3 facilitate the process of simultaneous application submission for the authorisations, permits or licences required for the onshore exploration of oil and gas intending to utilise hydraulic fracturing; and
  - 2.4 facilitate the process of simultaneous decision making.
3. The *Minimum Information Requirements for the Submission of Applications for an Authorisation, Right, Permit or Licence for the Onshore Exploration of Oil and Gas Intending to Utilise Hydraulic Fracturing, Revision 0 May 2022*, can be accessed at [https://www.dffe.gov.za/projectsprogrammes/environmental\\_management\\_instruments](https://www.dffe.gov.za/projectsprogrammes/environmental_management_instruments) and the Government Gazette notice can be accessed at [https://www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted\\_notices](https://www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices).