

# New Requirements in Alberta's Air Monitoring Directive

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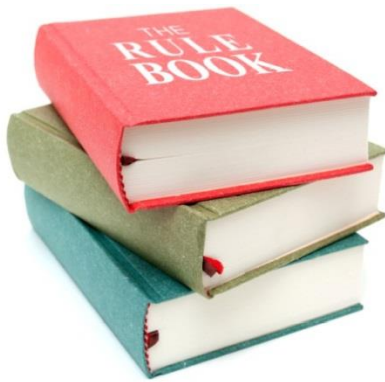
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# Overview

- **History**
- **Revision process**
- **New requirements**
- **FAQs**
- **Timelines**

# AMD History

- **1989 Air Monitoring Directive**
  - Minimum requirements for monitoring and reporting of air quality in the province
  - Applies to industrial approval holders
  
- **2006 Amendment**
  - Replaced AMD introduction
  - Introduced more enforceable tone (clauses)
  - Removed requirements covered by new policies
  - Updated some reporting requirements
  - Added requirement for a Quality System



# AMD History

- **2016 Air Monitoring Directive**
  - Enforceable tone
  - Technology and process changes
  - Airsheds
  - Consistency in monitoring & reporting
  - Electronic / digital reporting
  - Documentation / audit trail



# AMD Revision Process

Internal Review

60-day External  
Review

Communication  
with Stakeholders



# New AMD Requirements

9 Reporting

8 Audit

7 Calibration

6 Ambient Data Quality

5 Quality System

4 Monitoring & Equipment Specs

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## AMD applies to

- EPEA approval holder
- Facilities
- Airsheds
- Anyone who submits air monitoring data or reports to AEP / AER or anyone acting on its behalf

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## Ch 1 Introduction

- Requirement to comply with AMD
- Enforceable language (clauses)
- Airsheds as “person responsible”
- Repeals 1989 and 2006 AMD
- Definitions and general req’s

# New AMD Requirements



## Ch 2 Ambient Monitoring Planning

- Applies only to airsheds
- Develop and submit a Monitoring Plan
- Plan must be reviewed periodically



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## Ch 3 Site Selection

- Station siting criteria for ambient monitoring
- Continuous, passive, intermittent and precipitation
- Alignment with national criteria (NAPS, CAPMoN)

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## Ch 4 Monitoring and Equipment Specs

- Update to ambient continuous equipment specs
- Transition from static to passive monitoring
- Mobile monitoring
- Precip monitoring

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## Ch 5 Quality System

- Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)
- Must verify that contractors meet AMD and Quality System req's
- Must regularly evaluate Quality System

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## Ch 6 Ambient Data Quality

- Expanded from 1989 requirements
- Ambient continuous monitoring
- Specific requirements for data validation / verification
- Final data must be validated by someone independent of day-to-day field operations

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## Ch 7 Calibration

- Applies to ambient analyzers
- Calibration acceptance criteria
- Must flag invalid data and take corrective action if acceptance limits not met
- Requirements for zero and high-point adjustment
- Must measure calibrator flow

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## Ch 8 Audit

- Applies to ambient continuous stations
- Requirements follow current Ambient Audit Protocol

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## Ch 9 Reporting

- Industry must submit ambient monitoring data online
- Standardizes monthly, annual and source monitoring reports
- Electronic reporting via reporting forms
- Modernized emissions inventory reporting requirements
  - Applies to EPEA approved facilities
  - 8 CACs & other applicable substances
  - Release points and non-point sources
  - Consistent estimation methodologies
  - Reporting form and guidance document being developed

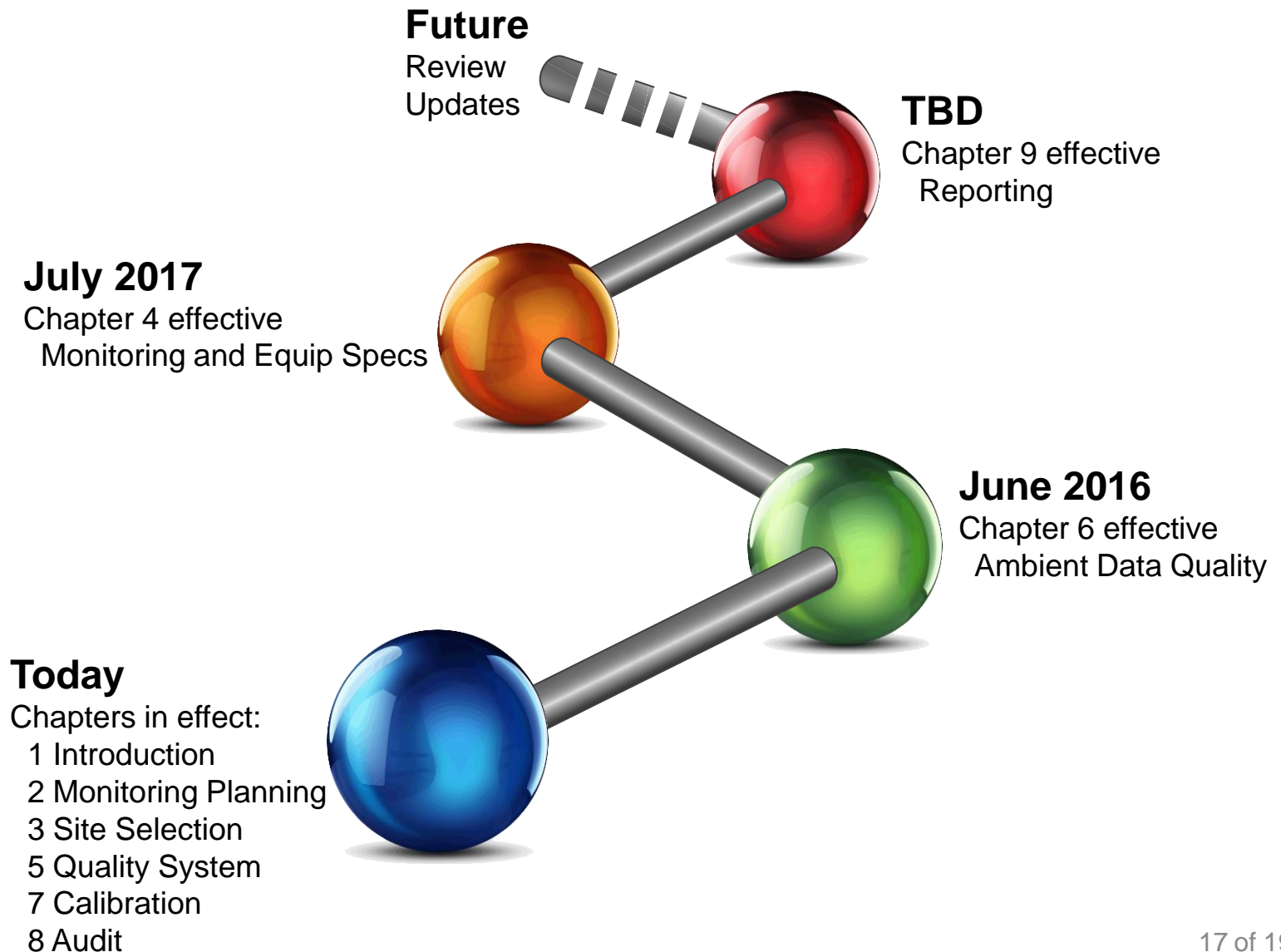
# FAQs



- How is non-compliance with AMD handled?
- Will industry and airsheds be double reporting?
- What changes have been made to CEMS?
- If monitoring is carried out for our own purposes, are we required to report the data?
- What does “immediate” notification mean?



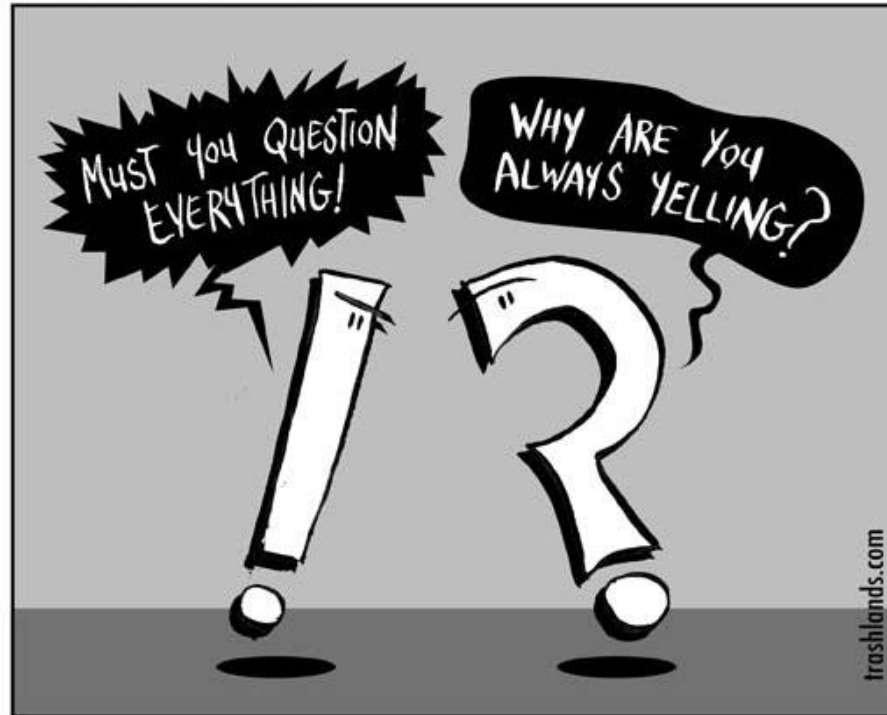
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# Implementation

- **Chapters will be reviewed ~2 years after effective date**
  - Amendments made as needed
- **Feedback welcome throughout implementation**
- **Coming ...**
  - Reporting training sessions
  - Guidance documents and sample reports
  - Testing of reporting forms and data submission
  - Amendment to Substance Release Regulation

# Questions



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## Flow Diagram for Annual Emissions Inventory Reports

