

**Via Email**

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Dear Mr. Shields:

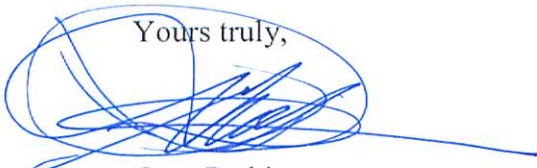
**RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT  
REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO RECORDS**

I have reviewed your response to my letter dated January 10, 2013, asking you to clarify your access request. Despite your numerous references in your response to hydraulic fracturing, you confirmed in response to my "Question 1" that you are indeed looking for all information relating to ". . . **each and every blow-out, frac-out, communication event, and or loss of control or pressure during completion, perforating, acidizing, hydraulic fracturing and or stimulating of energy wells . . .**". The rest of your email message did not serve to clarify your request; in fact the closing portion of your response provides argument more than clarification.

Mr. Shields, it is still unclear to us exactly what information you are requesting. I have provided the description that is in bolded type above to ERCB personnel who would be responding to your request and they are left with the impression that every completion event for which the ERCB has records could potentially be responsive to your request and would have to be reviewed. I have asked them to estimate the magnitude of the task that would be required to compile all the documents in the ERCB's custody or control that may contain responsive information. They have advised me that responding to such a request would require a massive undertaking on the part of the ERCB: potentially in the order of millions of pages of records.

As a result, pending any further clarification or narrowing of your request in response to this letter, the ERCB intends to apply to Alberta's Information and Privacy Commissioner for authorization to disregard your access request on the basis that it is unclear, frivolous and vexatious. Please indicate by response if you can clarify or narrow your request further. Please provide a copy of your response to the ERCB's FOIP Coordinator, Reta McPhail, at [Reta.McPhail@ercb.ca](mailto:Reta.McPhail@ercb.ca).

Yours truly,



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