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**Cenovus Energy  
Portable Fire Extinguishers**

**ISSUE:**

Cenovus Energy service staff travel to unmanned facilities to perform routine maintenance on equipment and have been experiencing theft and vandalism of their portable fire extinguishers at unmanned facilities and have implemented the following to guarantee the required portable fire extinguishers will be on-site and accessible if required.

**BACKGROUND:**

Cenovus Energy has initiated a company policy to ensure that all of their service vehicles are equipped with at least an 80-B:C rated portable fire extinguisher. The extinguishers on these vehicles are serviced and maintained in operating condition and are easily accessible. Cenovus Energy service staff travel to unmanned facilities to perform routine maintenance on equipment. In addition all contractors hired by Cenovus Energy are required to provide at least an 80-B:C rated portable extinguisher and ensure that contractor personnel are trained in the use of the fire extinguisher. In the event of a fire all service staff have immediate access to the vehicle mounted extinguisher.

**CODE REQUIREMENT:** (Alberta Fire Code (AFC), Division B)

2.1.5.1.(1). Portable extinguishers shall be installed in all *buildings* except *dwelling units*.

**VARIANCE:**

After examining policies implemented by Cenovus Energy for unmanned facilities it has been determined their portable fire extinguisher policies will satisfy Sentence 2.1.5.1.(1) of the AFC. All portable fire extinguishers are to be inspected, tested and maintained in accordance with Section 6.2 of the AFC.

This VARIANCE applies to Cenovus Energy unmanned facilities throughout Alberta.

**NOTE: Any changes to the original standard operating procedures and policies examined by this office are to be submitted for re-examination and approval to ensure they meet the intent of this Variance.**