

## Project Profile

<b>Project Name:</b>	First Nation Disturbance Restoration Program
<b>Project Number:</b>	CC-2018-01
<b>Proponent:</b>	BC Oil and Gas Commission
<b>Funding Envelope:</b>	Communication and Collaboration
<b>Timeframe:</b>	November 1, 2017 to October 31, 2019

### Project objectives

The objectives of the project are as follows:

- share knowledge relating to environmental impacts of well site development and other activities causing disturbances (e.g., seismic, roads);
- understand restoration successes as well as areas for improvement;
- provide opportunities for direct community member participation/employment in the restoration/rehabilitation process; and
- make recommendations on reclamation issues and best practices that may incorporate community environmental knowledge.

The project structure will provide opportunities for learnings between First Nations and Non First Nations to jointly ensure the continued access to healthy lands, resources and ecosystems for present and future generations.

### Project approach

The project involves the following activities:

1. Formulate an agreement between First Nation community and the BC Oil and Gas Commission to participate in the Program.
2. Select a range of sites and areas—reclaimed well sites and other disturbances that have received a Certificate of Restoration (CoR); orphan well sites and other disturbance areas; comparable control sites in undisturbed areas.
3. Work jointly to review and plan any restoration activities:
  - establish working group;
  - develop plan for chosen sites and other areas;

- Provide formal restoration training;
- develop joint risk assessment;
- implement remedial plan in conjunction with other parties including the Natural Resource Sector Aboriginal Liaison Program and various internal departments;
- Develop communication strategy for gov/media/public; and
- Hold community education session relating to environmental aspects of remediation/reclamation.