

IL 2020-09: Tenure Extensions for Petroleum and Natural Gas Agreements, Oil Sands Agreements, and Metallic and Industrial Permits

Additional information for PNG Agreements

Is an application required to extend an agreement under this Information Letter?

- Yes, applications must be submitted through the Electronic Transfer System (ETS) as per normal process.
- You will be required to submit an attachment in your application, being a memo requesting an extension for the specified agreement referencing IL 2020-09 and no hard copy is required
- You will receive the 8(1)(h) confirmation in ETS

What agreements are eligible?

- This IL only applies to agreements with an expiry date from March 20 to December 31, 2020. Extension is 1 year from the expiry date of the agreement, not 1 year from the date of the IL or 1 year from the date of any prior extension letter
- Expiring rights in agreements continued under sections 16, 17 and 18 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Tenure Regulation are eligible for an extension.
- Expiring offset notices are not eligible for extensions.

My agreement expired before March 20, can I apply for an extensions?

- No, the extension is only available for agreements expiring on or after March 20, 2020.

I am trying to apply for a Section 8(1)(h) as advised in IL 2020-09 but ETS is displaying an error, what do I do?

- For extensions to Sec 16 or Sec 18, choose a Section 16(6) or Section 18(6) extension in ETS and attach a memo requesting the extension and referencing IL 2020-09
- Choose a Section 8(1)(h) extension in ETS for all other eligible extensions.

Can I submit a continuation application for Sec 15 and 8(1)(h) under the same agreement?

- Yes

Can I re-apply under the IL for an 8(1)(h) if my continuation application for Sec 15 receives a non-productive Offer?

- If the Offer is received before the expiry date, Yes. If Offer is received after the expiry date, then No

I have already accepted an Advance Ruling Offer, can I withdraw and resubmit for an extension?

- As with normal business, you can withdraw your application any time prior to expiry and resubmit a new application.

I have received an 8(1)(h) extension on my initial term licence. How does this affect my licence validation?

- The initial term is extended for one year, the intermediate term is reduced accordingly and you must validate the licence agreement by the new expiry date.

I have received an Advance Ruling Offer of a section 15 indefinite continuation for some lands, can I accept this s15 continuation and apply for an 8(1)(h) extensions for the remaining lands?

- No, you will have to select one or the other as this type of extension extends the term of the entire agreement and cannot be applied to a portion thereof.

Can I apply for an Advance Ruling for an agreement that is extended under the IL?

- Advance rulings are available as per normal business.
- Any data initially submitted may need to be re-submitted as the Crown only retains data for 1 year from submission date.

As always, the Department of Energy is available to answer all of your questions