

ISO Rules

Part 500 Facilities

Division 501 General

Section 501.2 Security of Critical Facilities



Applicability

- 1 Section 501.2 applies to:
- (a) a **legal owner** of a critical facility, being an electric industry facility named in the critical infrastructure list established under the *Alberta Counter-Terrorism Crisis Management Plan* ; and
 - (b) the **ISO**.

Requirements

Establishing Security Measures for a Critical Facility

- 2 A **legal owner** must establish security measures, being threat response plans relating to a threat of terrorist activity or terrorist activity against its critical facility, in accordance with the recommended practices outlined in the *Alberta Counter-Terrorism Crisis Management Plan* in order to enable the **legal owner** to respond to the various levels of threat of terrorist activity that may be declared under such plan.

Implementing Security Measures

- 3 A **legal owner** must, if the **ISO** informs the **legal owner** that its critical facility has been threatened and of the level of the threat, implement security measures established under subsection 2 related to the level of threat that has been declared.

Failure to Implement Security Measures

- 4 The **ISO** may, if it is of the view that a **legal owner** has failed to implement security measures in accordance with subsection 3:
- (a) issue a **directive** to the **legal owner** to implement security measures in accordance with the recommended practices outlined in the *Alberta Counter-Terrorism Crisis Management Plan* related to the level of threat that has been declared, or
 - (b) take whatever action is necessary to implement security measures in accordance with the recommended practices outlined in the *Alberta Counter-Terrorism Crisis Management Plan* related to the level of threat that has been declared and recover, from the **legal owner** as a **financial obligation** owed to the **ISO**, the costs that may be incurred in implementing those security measures.

Audit

- 5 The **ISO** may audit the security measures of a **legal owner** in respect of a critical facility and the capacity of the **legal owner** to implement those security measures.

Corporate Emergency Response Plans

- 6(1) A **legal owner** must, in respect of its critical facility:
- (a) prepare a corporate emergency response plan in accordance with *Directive 071, Emergency*

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- (b) update the corporate emergency response plan as required by *Directive 071, Emergency Preparedness and Response Requirements for the Petroleum Industry*; and
- (c) implement the corporate emergency response plan in an emergency.

(2) The **ISO** may, in accordance with *Directive 071, Emergency Preparedness and Response Requirements for the Petroleum Industry*, audit a **legal owner's** corporate emergency response plan and the **legal owner's** capacity to implement the plan.

Threat of Terrorist Activity

7(1) The **ISO** must, if it has been informed of the existence of a threat of terrorist activity against a critical facility:

- (a) inform the **legal owner** of the threat of terrorist activity and the level of threat, and
- (b) request the **legal owner** to provide information about the manner in which the **legal owner** will address the threat.

(2) The **ISO** may, if the threat of terrorist activity is high or imminent against a critical facility, and the **ISO** is of the view after consultation with the **legal owner** that the **legal owner** is unwilling or unable to take measures to address the threat:

- (a) issue a **directive** to the **legal owner** to shut down the critical facility and set out the terms under which the **directive** may cease, or
- (b) take the necessary action to shut down the critical facility and recover, from the **legal owner** as a **financial obligation** owed to the **ISO**, the costs the **ISO** incurs to take such action.

Revision History

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2013-01-01	Initial Release