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Sundog Solar to present at SPOG

Marvin and Barb Jackson head up the base operations at Sundog Solar. Marvin grew up on a family dairy and beef operation in Sundre, Alberta. He attended Olds College receiving a degree in Business finance and Livestock production. He and his wife Barb, raise beef cattle and quarter horses with their two daughters. A fourth generation in Canadian Agriculture, Marvin quickly realized the benefits in remote solar watering and energizers for rotational grazing at the farm level. In the spring of 2000, Sundog Solar and Agriculture Supplies was opened which quickly expanded into winter watering systems, transfer systems and portable solar and wind powered pumping designs.

Sundog Solar has been fortunate enough to design and supply watering systems for many conservation groups as well as farmers across North America. Some of their custom designed oilfield projects have ventured as far as Kazakhstan, Iraq and Malaysia, as well as some large assembled solar array's which have been shipped as complete units on ice roads to remote areas of northern Alberta.

Sundog Solar began mainly as an agriculture based business but has proudly expanded to cover many industries in Alberta and surrounding areas.

Sundog Solar presented at the February Community Affairs meeting.

CAPP's view on the Alberta Royalty Review

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The Alberta royalty review has led to a balanced report that sets the stage for more work between industry and government to ensure Alberta's oil and gas sector is competitive in North America to attract investment and create more jobs and value for Albertans, the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) said today.

"The new royalty framework is principle-based and provides a foundation to build the predictability industry needs for future investment," said Tim McMillan, CAPP's president and chief executive officer.

"The report recognizes royalties are just one part of the competitiveness equation for Alberta. With today's economic situation, now is the time for industry and the Alberta government to work together on solutions that will make Alberta a world-class province to do business."

"Today's announcement has been the result of a fair and credible process, one Albertans can trust," McMillan said.

The royalty panel produced a detailed, 200-page report over its five-month review.

More at: www.capp.ca

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Why participate in SPOG?

The communication and awareness that SPOG has fostered is dependent on many factors. The most significant being the contributions of the key stakeholders - industry, government and landowners. These synergistic relationships keep alive the vision and purpose of SPOG. Communication is not possible if only one stakeholder is involved and constructive communications require that all need a voice in what happens, and to participate in the process.

Membership in SPOG is comprised of individuals and groups from three main areas; industry, government and community. Involvement from these three groups keeps the lines of communications open and help ensure that everyone who lives and works in this community have their interests represented.

Industry benefits from membership in SPOG in many ways. SPOG's involvement opens many lines of communication between the community and other industry members. Industry members can benefit from hearing concerns from the public as well as be able to communicate their activities and what they are doing that benefit the community. Processes such as the Resident Visit Program, Mutual Aid, Proactive Engagement Process, public notification, and the various channels for communication make SPOG a very valuable and cost effective choice for companies.

The community can benefit the most from being involved in SPOG, either as a member or a volunteer. Involvement ensures a direct line of communication to industry and the organizations that regulate it. Making concerns known through the proper channels is often the fastest and easiest way to resolve conflict. Residents reap the benefits of streamlining of essential processes, such as resident visits, to lessen the impact of industry on everyday lives.

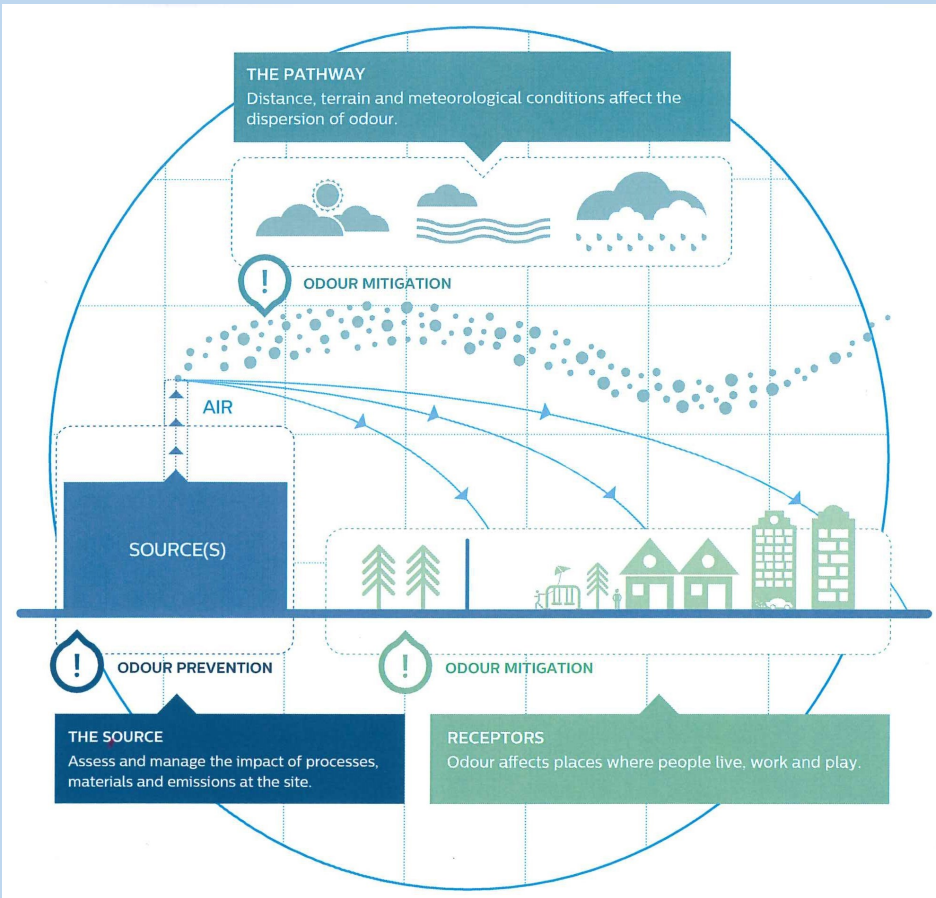
The biggest benefit either stakeholder sees from their involvement in SPOG, unfortunately is only felt in the event of an emergency and it is during that time that communication becomes most important. Industry can instantly access the information they need about residents in the affected area and residents can be assured that their safety will be protected in a timely fashion with as minimal intrusion as possible.

Regulatory and municipal organizations who need to communicate with both industry and community to effectively do their job benefits from the streamlining of processes offered by SPOG. Their efforts can be concentrated where it can do the most good, rather than in the duplication of efforts.

The reasons to join SPOG can be varied and individual. If you need more information on how to join SPOG as a member or a volunteer, please check out the website at www.spog.ab.ca or contact the SPOG office at 1-888-878-2306.

Good Practice Guide for Odour Management

Odour is one of the most common air quality complaints and is often a challenging issue to address. Odour sources vary and are often transient in nature, but when odours are detected they can directly and indirectly affect health and quality of life. The Good Practices Guide for Odour Management in Alberta, developed by the Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA), explains some of the most common tools and practices used in assessing, preventing and managing odours. The guide brings together a wealth of information that industry, regulators and government can use to develop odour management plans or requirements. - See more at: www.casahome.org



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