

Guideline for the Ethical Use of Geophysical Data Part II: Panel Discussion

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Summary

In response to industry feedback, the Practice Standards Committee of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) established a subcommittee 3 years ago to create a set of guidelines for professional members regarding the ethical use of geophysical data. The committee has prepared a document that hopes to clarify the responsibilities of professional members when dealing with various ownership classifications of geophysical data. The most difficult issues often centre on what parties can or can not do with licensed geophysical data.

While it is not APEGGA's intention to specify the rights of data owners or licensees, or to prescribe the terms of business arrangements controlling access to or use of the data, it does want to be clear about the professional responsibilities that APEGGA members have when dealing with such issues. This guideline addresses professional members' responsibilities related to the ethical aspects of using geophysical data. It deals with various classifications of data including proprietary, partnered, licensed and public domain data. Although the guideline primarily addresses data used in the oil and gas industry, it is intended to apply to geophysical data used in other industries as well. The guideline also suggests practices to avoid situations that could lead to improper use of such data.

Part I of this paper summarized the document. In Part II, the APEGGA subcommittee that prepared this guideline will host a panel discussion. The discussion will be aided by the use of the illustrative scenarios found within the document. Questions from the audience will be addressed in detail.

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