



Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol Saskatchewan, Canada 2020

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STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its recently updated EHS audit protocol for Saskatchewan, Canada. This audit protocol, which covers relevant provincial and national EHS requirements, was previously updated in March 2018. The regulatory date for the current release is January 2020. The table below shows the extent of regulatory changes that have occurred since the previous update.

**Number of Legislative Instruments and their Status
(since March 2018)**

Protocol Section	No Change	New	Amended	Repealed
General Environmental	3	2	5	4
Air Emissions	9	2	2	3
Solid and Hazardous Waste	4	0	8	0
Water Resources	8	3	8	2
Above and Below Ground Tank Management	0	0	0	0
Community Noise	0	0	0	0
PCBs	5	0	0	0
Asbestos	1	1	1	1
General Health and Safety	1	0	2	0
Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety	2	0	5	0
Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety	2	0	1	0
Fire Safety	3	0	0	0
Transport of Dangerous Goods	1	0	3	0
Industrial Hygiene	3	0	2	0
Chemical Management	11	5	10	6
Construction Work Site Safety	1	0	0	0

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highlights of selected new legislation

- **Impact Assessment Act (IAA) [S.C. 2019, c. 28, s.1] (which came into effect on August 28, 2019) establishes** a new process for conducting impact assessments of designated projects proposed to be conducted within federal lands or supported with federal funding. Designated projects and physical activities required to undergo an impact assessment are defined in the *Physical Activities Regulations [SOR/2019-285]* (which also came into effect on August 28, 2019). The assessment considers potential environmental, health, social and economic impacts of proposed projects, including benefits, with specific consideration of effects upon Indigenous people. The process requires that the newly formed Impact Assessment Agency of Canada provide frequent notice of its assessment activities and obtain input from potentially impacted parties. The IAA repealed and replaced the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA) [S.C. 2012, c. 19, s. 52]*.
- **Output-Based Pricing System Regulations [SOR/2019-266] (promulgated in 2019) implement** the greenhouse gas regulatory trading system for large industrial operations established under the *Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act*. The Regulations include the methods to be used by a covered facility, as specified defined under Part 2 of the Act, to quantify the GHGs from a covered facility and the production from each specified industrial activity at the covered facility; to determine the covered facility's GHG emissions limit based on the facility's production from each specified industrial activity and the applicable output-based standard; and the manner in which compensation is to be provided by the covered facility for excess emissions and how surplus credits are issued. The Regulations replace the *Notice Establishing Criteria Respecting Facilities and Persons and Publishing Measures of October 19, 2018 [SOR/2018-213], 2018* and the *Greenhouse Gas Emissions Information Production Order, October 19, 2018, [SOR/2018-214]*, both of which were previously used to implement the Output-Based Pricing System (OBPS) and were repealed by the *Order Repealing Certain Legislative Instruments [SOR/2019-268], June 28, 2019*.
- **The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases Act [Chapter M-2.01] (as proclaimed in December 2018) and its implementing regulations were added** to this update. This Act provides the framework for the province's output-based emissions reporting and product performance standards for regulating greenhouse gas emissions and achieving province-wide reduction targets. The *Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases (Standards and Compliance) Regulations [Chapter M-2.01 Reg 3]* (which came into effect on January 1, 2019) sets performance standards for emissions from regulated source categories, as well as facility registration and CO₂e calculation and reporting. These Regulations adopt *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases (Baselines, Returns and Verification) Standard. The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases (Reporting and General) Regulations [Chapter M-2.01 Reg 2]* (which came into force on September 1, 2018) specifies the province's greenhouse gas emissions inventory reporting and adopts *The Management and Reduction of Greenhouse Gases (Reporting) Standard*.

- **The Navigation Protection Act [E.S.C. 1985, c. N-22] was amended** and renamed the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act*. The amendments expanded the Act to regulate major works and obstructions on all navigable waters, including those not included on the Schedule 1. The amendments also added requirements related to completion of minor works in, on, under, over, or through any navigable water in Canada. The Act creates a new category for “major” works that are likely to substantially interfere with navigation and that will always require approval from Transport Canada, regardless if the navigable waters are listed on Schedule 1. The *Major Work Order [SOR/2019-320], 2019* was issued designating those major works likely to substantially interfere with navigation.

- **Prohibition of Asbestos and Products Containing Asbestos Regulations [SOR/2018-196], 2018 seeks** to prevent new asbestos and products containing asbestos from entering the Canadian marketplace. In general, the import, use, sale and manufacture of processed asbestos fibres, products containing processed asbestos fibers or any consumer product containing asbestos is prohibited. Specific activities are excluded from this prohibition and are subject to asbestos management plans and annual reporting of asbestos-related activities.

- **Order Declaring that the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations Do Not Apply in Quebec, 2018, SOR/2018-194 declares** that a wastewater system located in Quebec is not subject to the *Wastewater System Effluent Regulations, 2015*.

- **Order Declaring that the Wastewater Systems Effluent Regulations Do Not Apply in Yukon, 2014, SOR/2014 declares** that a wastewater system located in Yukon is not subject to the *Wastewater System Effluent Regulations, 2015*.

- **The Environmental Emergency Regulations 2019 [SOR/2019-51] (which came into force on August 25, 2019) repeal** and replace the *Environmental Emergency Regulations, 2003 [SOR/2003-307]*. Industrial facilities that store or use any of 234 listed substances will be required to provide information to Environment Canada about the maximum amount and location of these substances to help emergency response personnel to respond in case of emergency. Facilities subject to the Regulations are also required to develop, implement, and test an emergency plan. For this update, all references to the *Environmental Emergency Regulations, 2003 [SOR/2003-307]* have been removed.

- **Regulations Adding Perfluorooctane Sulfonate and Its Salts to the Virtual Elimination List (SOR/2009-15), 2009 adds** perfluorooctane sulfonate and its salts to column 1 of the *Virtual Elimination List under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)*.

- **New Substances Notification Regulations (Organisms) [SOR/2005-248], last amended by SOR/2018-11; 2005 as amended through 2018 set forth** requirements for provision of information to the government agencies by manufacturers and importers of microorganisms.

- **2-Butoxyethanol Regulations, SOR/2006-347 set forth** requirements for import and manufacture of products containing 2-butoxyethanol. They apply to the product types listed in Schedule 1 that contain 2-butoxyethanol.

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