



Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol Manitoba, Canada 2021

release notes

STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its recently updated EHS audit protocol for Manitoba, Canada. This audit protocol, which covers relevant provincial and national EHS requirements, was previously updated in September 2019. The regulatory date for the current release is January 2021. The table below shows the extent of regulatory changes that have occurred since the previous update.

**Number of Legislative Instruments and their Status
(since September 2019)**

Protocol Section	No Change	New	Amended	Repealed
General Environmental	7	4	2	4
Air Emissions	6	8	8	2
Solid and Hazardous Waste	17	0	3	0
Water Resources	16	3	4	0
Above and Below Ground Tank Management	3	0	1	0
Community Noise	0	0	0	0
PCBs	4	0	1	0
Asbestos	3	0	1	0
General Health and Safety	4	0	4	0
Equipment, Machine and Electrical Safety	2	0	1	0
Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety	1	0	0	0
Fire Safety	2	0	0	0
Transport of Dangerous Goods	3	0	1	0
Industrial Hygiene	4	0	1	0
Chemical Management	18	0	7	1
Construction Work Site Safety	1	0	1	0

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highlights of selected new legislation

- **Impact Assessment Act (IAA) [S.C. 2019, c. 28, s.1] came into effect** on August 28, 2019. The Act and its regulations establish the legislative basis for the federal impact assessment process for designated projects proposed to be conducted within federal lands or supported with federal funding. The assessment process is intended to consider potential environmental, health, social and economic impacts of proposed projects, including benefits, with specific consideration of effects upon Indigenous people. The process includes early planning tasks, which include obtaining input and data from the public. The Act created the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, which serves as the lead federal agency for implementation. The IAA repealed and replaced the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA) [S.C. 2012, c. 19, s. 52]*.
- **Designated Classes of Projects Order [SOR/2019-323] was adopted** on August 30, 2019. This Order establishes a designated class of projects that are expected to cause only insignificant adverse environmental effects and are, therefore excluded from impact assessment review requirements covered by the IAA, S.C. 2019, c. 28, s.1.
- **Information and Management of Time Limits Regulations [SOR/2019-283] were adopted** on July 19, 2019. These Regulations describe the circumstances in which the time limits in the IAA, S.C. 2019, c. 28, s.1 may be suspended, as well as information requirements for the initial and detailed description of projects.
- **Notice with Respect to Substances in the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) for 2020 and 2021 [Canada Gazette, Part I, Vol. 154, No. 7, February 15, 2020] was adopted** to cover reporting requirements for calendar years 2020 and 2021. This Notice requires certain types of facilities where there are releases, disposal, and/or transfer for recycling of the substances listed in Schedule I of the Notice above a listed threshold, to report release information by June 1 of the following calendar year. Certain kinds of facilities are exempted. Typically, a notice applies for two reporting years.
- **The Climate and Green Plan Act [C.C.S.M. c. C134] was adopted** on November 8, 2018. The Act requires the Manitoba government to develop policies, programs, and measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout Manitoba. It repeals and replaced the *Climate Change and Emissions Reductions Act [C.C.S.M. c. C135]*.

- **Notice with Respect to the Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) for 2020 [Canada Gazette Part I, Vol. 155, No. 7, February 13, 2021] was adopted** to cover reporting requirements for the calendar year 2020. This Notice informs facilities of the government's intention to collect data on greenhouse gas emissions for the purpose of conducting research, creating a national inventory, formulating objectives and codes of practice, issuing guidelines or assessing or reporting on the state of the environment. Similar Notices for the reporting on greenhouse gas emissions have been published annually since 2004. Reporting requirements under this Notice are essentially the same as was required for the 2019 reporting year. This Notice also applies to reporting required by facility's subject to the *Output-Based Pricing System Regulations [SOR/2019-266]*.
- **Major Work Order [SOR/2019-320] was adopted** in 2019. This Order specifies the type of works that are classified as major works for purposes of the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. N-22*, and are likely to substantially interfere with navigation. The *Canadian Navigable Waters Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. N-22* was previously named the *Navigation Protection Act [R.S.C. 1985, c. N022]*.



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