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new and noteworthy

- **Focus on AB, BC, and Ontario:** This substantial update focuses on recent changes to environmental regulation in Alberta, British Columbia, and Ontario. It covers the topics of releases to air, water, land, environmental impact assessment, and climate change.

highlights of this release

- **Chapter A-2.AB, Major Environmental Legislation—Alberta**
 - This chapter has been updated with citation revisions.
- **Chapter A-3.BC, Major Environmental Legislation—British Columbia**
 - This chapter includes a newly added Section C, which introduces the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)* and the goal to align provincial law with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP)*. Section C outlines the Draft Action Plan and four long-term goals to be activated over the next five years.
- **Chapter A-4.ON, Major Environmental Legislation—Ontario**
 - This chapter has been extensively revised to incorporate changes in Section 2.1: Environmental Compliance Approvals; Section 3.2: Waste Management Systems; Section 3.7: Appeals; and Section 8.4: Appealing the Ontario Environmental Review Tribunal's Decision.
- **Chapter B-1.BC, Releases to Air—British Columbia**
 - This chapter has been updated with citation revisions.
- **Chapter B-1.ON, Releases to Air—Ontario**
 - This chapter has been extensively updated in Section 10, to reflect changes to the *Industry Emissions Regulation* relating to nitrogen oxide and sulphur dioxide. Section 11 has also been extensively updated to reflect changes to the *Emissions Trading Regulation*.
- **Chapter B-2.AB, Releases to Water—Alberta**
 - This chapter has been updated with citation revisions.
- **Chapter B-2.ON, Releases to Water—Ontario**
 - This chapter has been updated in Section 2: Discharge Reporting, to reflect changes to the *OWRA*. Section 3: Sewage; Section 7: Water Taking and Transfers; and Section 9: Enforcement of *OWRA* have also been updated.

release notes

please review

- **Chapter B-3.AB, Releases to Land—Alberta**
 - This chapter has been updated with revised material on the recycling program for lubricating oil materials. Extensive revisions have been made to Section 4: Storage Tanks. Revisions have also been made in Section 4.2: *National Fire Code—Alberta Edition 2019 (NFCAE)*, relating to how flammable and combustible liquids are stored in storage tanks.
- **Chapter B-3.BC, Releases to Land—British Columbia**
 - This chapter has been updated with citation and terminology revisions. In Section 3.1: *EMA Requirements for Contaminated Land*, the term “Site Profile” has been replaced with the term “Site Disclosure Statement.” Supplement 6 in this chapter has also been revised.
- **Chapter B-3.ON, Releases to Land—Ontario**
 - This chapter has been updated with a new Section 9 entitled: *Land Use Compatibility Guideline (LCG)*. The new *LCG* is aimed at protecting sensitive land from existing, planned, or the expansion of, major facilities. A three-part structure for the *LCG* is outlined in this section.
- **Chapter B-4.AB, Worker Protection—Alberta**
 - This chapter has been updated with citation revisions.
- **Chapter B-6.ON, Environmental Impact Assessment—Ontario**
 - This chapter has been updated in a number of sections, including Section 2.4: Designated Projects; Section 7.4: Class Environmental Assessments; and Section 7.5: Municipal Waste Disposal. Two new sections have also been added to this chapter: Section 7.7: Comprehensive Environmental Assessment and 7.8: Streamlined Environmental Assessments. Citation revisions have also been made.
- **Chapter B-8.AB, Spills—Alberta**
 - Citation revisions have been made in this chapter.
- **Chapter B-8.ON, Spills—Ontario**
 - In this chapter, Section 2.7: Compensation, has been revised on the subject of appeals.
- **Chapter B-9.AB, Climate Change—Alberta**
 - This chapter has been updated with citation revisions.
- **Chapter B-9.BC, Climate Change—British Columbia**
 - This chapter has been updated in Section 4: *Climate Change Accountability Act (CCAA)*, to outline the requirements of climate change accountability reports.
- **Chapter B-9.ON, Climate Change—Ontario**
 - This chapter has been revised to include a new Section 6 entitled: *Securities Act Climate-Related Risk Assessments*, and outlines changes to the *Securities Act* regarding climate-related risks.



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