



Canadian Environmental Law Guide

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new and noteworthy

- **Focus on Federal Legislation:** This update focuses on recent changes to federal environmental regulation. It provides updates and revisions to most federal chapters in the guide. See “highlights of this release” below, for the list of updated chapters.

highlights of this release

- **Chapter A-1.CN, Canada: Major Environmental Legislation**
 - This chapter has been updated to include the addition of plastic manufactured items to the List of Toxic Substances in Schedule 1 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)*. The addition reflects efforts to restrict single-use plastics in Canada.
 - Revisions have also been made in Section 2: Federal Sustainable Development Strategy, to include the requirement of designated entities to prepare a sustainable development strategy that complies with the requirements of the *Federal Sustainable Development Act (FSDA)*. The reporting requirements of designated entities are also outlined in this section.
- **Chapter B-2.CN, Releases of Toxic Substances to Water—Federal**
 - This chapter has been extensively updated. Revisions have been made to regulations under the *Fisheries Act*. Section 3.8 is newly entitled: *Authorizations Concerning Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Regulations*. Section 5.1 is newly entitled: *Vessel Pollution and Dangerous Chemicals Regulation*, and includes a number of new subsections. Section 5.2 is newly entitled: *Ballast Water Regulations* and also includes a number of new subsections.
- **Chapter B-3.CN, Releases of Toxic Substances to Land—Federal**
 - This chapter has been updated with minor revisions in Section 4: Pipelines.
- **Chapter B-4.CN, Worker Protection—Federal**
 - This chapter has been updated in Section 2: *Hazardous Materials Information Review Act*, specifically in Section 2.2: Appeals.
- **Chapter B-5.CN, Transportation of Dangerous Goods—Federal**
 - This chapter has been updated with minor revisions in Section 2.1: Arranging for Environmental Responses to Oil Spills.

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- **Chapter B-6.CN, Impact Assessment—Federal**

- This chapter has been extensively updated. Section 1 is newly entitled: *Impact Assessment Act (IAA)*, to reflect the replacement of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012 (CEAA 2012)* with the *Impact Assessment Act (IAA)*. New material has been added, including the introduction of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDRIPA)*, and specifically relating to the consultation and consent of Indigenous peoples during the development of natural resource projects. Most subsections in this chapter have also been revised.

- **Chapter B-7.CN, Pesticides—Federal**

- This chapter has been updated with minor revisions.

- **Chapter B-8.CN, Spills and Compensation—Federal**

- This chapter has been updated with revised material on Spills.

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