



Environmental Health & Safety Audit Protocol British Columbia, Canada 2022

STP ComplianceEHS (STP) announces the release of its recently updated EHS audit protocol for British Columbia, Canada. This audit protocol, which covers relevant national and provincial EHS requirements, was previously updated in April 2021. The regulatory date for the current release is April 2022.

new and noteworthy

- **GHG Reporting:** *Notice with Respect to the Reporting of Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) for 2021, Canada Gazette Part I, Vol. 155, No. 51, December 18, 2021*, covering calendar year 2021, 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 2020 reporting year. The Notice entered into force on December 18, 2021.

This change impacts:

- **Section 3.0 – Air Emissions:** Subsection 7 – Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions – Federal was updated.
- **Waste Import and Export:** The *Cross-border Movement of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material Regulations, SOR/2021-25* were adopted to consolidate and update the administrative requirements for the import and export of hazardous waste and hazardous recyclable materials both within Canada and internationally. These Regulations repealed and replaced the requirements in the *PCB Waste Export Regulations, 1996, SOR/97-109*, the *Interprovincial Movement of Hazardous Waste Regulations, SOR/2002-301*, and the *Export and Import of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material Regulations, SOR/2005-149*. These Regulations entered into force on October 31, 2021.

This change impacts:

- **Section 4.0 – Solid and Hazardous Waste:** Subsection 5 – Cross-border Movement of Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Material – Federal (previously Subsection 7 – Manifests for Interprovincial Transport of Hazardous Waste – Federal) was updated, and previous Subsection 5 – Import and Export of Hazardous Wastes for Disposal or Recycling – Federal was deleted (the subsequent subsection was renumbered accordingly).
- **Section 8.0 – PCBs:** Subsection 10 – Import and Export of PCB Waste – Federal (previously Subsection 10 – Export of PCB Waste – Federal) was updated.

release notes

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highlights of this release

Section 3.0 – Air Emissions

- New questions were added to Subsection 10 – Multi-Sector Air Pollutants – Stationary Spark-Ignition Engines – Federal to incorporate additional requirements from the *Multi-Sector Air Pollutants Regulations, SOR/2016-151* that have been phased into effect.
- New Subsection 14 – Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products – Federal was added to incorporate requirements of the *Formaldehyde Emissions from Composite Wood Products Regulations, SOR/2021-148*. These Regulations limit the concentrations of formaldehyde in composite wood panel or laminated products. They also specify testing, record keeping, and labeling requirements. The Regulations take effect on January 7, 2023.

Section 5.0 – Water Resources

- Subsection 7 – Protection of Navigable Waters – Federal was updated to incorporate the provisions of the *Minor Works Order, SOR/2021-170*. This Order specifies the type of works that are classified as minor works for purposes of the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. N-22*. It allows for works to be built, without review or approval, if they meet the criteria for the applicable class of works, as well as specific terms and conditions. It also establishes reporting requirements for these types of works.

Section 12.0 – Material Handling and General In-Plant Safety

- Substantive changes, including the addition of numerous new questions, were made to Subsection 7 – Mobile Equipment due to amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97*.
- Substantive changes, including the addition of several new questions, were made to Subsection 9 – Traffic Control due to amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97*.

Section 13.0 – Fire Safety

- Minor updates were made throughout Subsection 3 – Flammable and Combustible Substances due to amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97*.

Section 14.0 – Transport of Dangerous Goods

- Appendix 14-A, “Definitions” was updated to include more recent versions of the applicable definitions for the *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations, SOR/2001-286* and *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act, 1992, S.C. 1992, c. 34*.

Section 15.0 – Industrial Hygiene

- Updates were made throughout Subsection 9 – Personal Protective Equipment due to amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97*.
- Minor updates were made to Subsection 12 – Radiation Exposure due to amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, B.C. Reg. 296/97*.

Section 16.0 – Chemical Management

- The introductory notes to Subsection 2 – Hazardous Products Labeling – Federal were revised to include comments regarding Canada’s progress on implementing the 6th and 7th revisions of GHS into WHMIS legislation. Amendments to the *Hazardous Products Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. H-3* and the *Hazardous Products Regulations, SOR/2015-17* are expected in the summer of 2022.
- Minor changes were made to Subsection 15 – Import and Manufacture of Products Containing 2-Butoxyethanol – Federal because of an amendment to the *2-Butoxyethanol Regulations, SOR/2006-347* regarding accredited laboratories that conduct analysis of a product to determine the concentration of 2-butoxyethanol.



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