



Ministry of  
Environment  
and Parks

# ***PROTOCOL 17*** ***FOR CONTAMINATED SITES***

Site Remediation Forms

Version 6.0

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*Environmental Management Act*

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## 1.0 Definitions

Terms defined in the *Environmental Management Act* (EMA) and Contaminated Sites Regulation (CSR) apply to this protocol and to the forms under this protocol in addition to the following:

**“affected parcel”** means a parcel at which substances are present due to the migration of those substances from one or more neighbouring areas.

**“authorization”** refers to:

- an approval referred to in section 40(1) of EMA, the application for which triggers a requirement to submit a site disclosure statement; or
- permits and approvals referred to in sections 14 and 15 of EMA, respectively.

**“contaminant”** means a substance causing “contamination” as such term is defined in section 39 of EMA.

**“independent remediation” [IR]** means remediation procedures referred to in section 54 of EMA.

**“migration”** includes the movement of

- (a) environmental media, and
- (b) substances contained in, or emanating from, environmental media

due to the influence of natural forces but does not include the relocation of environmental media or substances by a person.

**“Notification of Independent Remediation”** means a notification to a Director on the initiation or completion of independent remediation in accordance with section 54 (2) of EMA.

**“Notification of Likely or Actual Migration” [NOM]** means a notification under sections 57 and 60.1 of the CSR to a Director and to the owner of neighbouring parcels which have been or likely have been contaminated by the migration of substances from a source parcel to the neighbouring parcels.

**“parcel”** means an area of land the subject of:

- (a) a fee simple interest;
- (b) a lease or similar form of tenure respecting real property;
- (c) a licence of occupation under the *Land Act*;
- (d) rights granted to occupy land under the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*;
- (e) an interest in real property which deals with subsurface rights including a tenure under the *Geothermal Resources Act*, the *Mineral Tenure Act*, and the *Petroleum and Natural Gas Act*;
- (f) a description by metes and bounds.

**“Site ID”** means a unique identification number assigned by the ministry to a site listed in the site registry.

**“site risk classification”** means the categorization of a site based on the risks it poses to human health and the environment pursuant to Director’s Protocol 12.

**“Site Risk Classification Report” [SRCR]** means a report providing information about the risk classification of a site, the form and content of which are specified in Director’s Protocol 12.

**“source parcel”** means a site or parcel which has now, or had in the past, substances which migrated to one or more neighbouring sites or areas.

## 2.0 Introduction

This protocol specifies the forms required by the Director to:

- notify the ministry of independent remediation under section 54 (2) of EMA, sections 57 (1.2) of the CSR, and Protocol 12, “Site Risk Classification”;
- notify persons who own the neighbouring site(s) of actual or likely migration of substances. A copy of the notification must be submitted to the Director as described in sections 57 (1) and (1.1), and 60.1 of the CSR; and
- provide key information to a Director as part of a contaminated sites service application described in section 7.1 of the CSR.

## 3.0 Specified Forms

The following forms, must be used in the digital format provided by the Director and are available using the [Site Remediation Services Web App](#):

- Notification of Independent Remediation
- Notification of Likely or Actual Migration
- Summary of Site Condition

### Revision history

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