



Compliance Promotion and Verification

Guided by the ministry's [Compliance Management Framework](#), the Land Remediation Section continues to increase its attention in the areas of compliance promotion and compliance verification. Efforts are being made to improve the general level of understanding about contaminated site investigation and clean up in British Columbia and to ensure that regulatory requirements protective of human health and the environment are met. Our goal is to instil greater public confidence in remediation outcomes and to provide a high level of assurance that these outcomes are achieved in a scientifically supported manner.

What is compliance promotion?

Compliance promotion increases awareness, educates, motivates, or changes behaviour, and encourages voluntary compliance with regulatory requirements. The Section uses a number of approaches to promote compliance including: the development and maintenance of technical and administrative guidance; regulatory updates and workshops; our CS and Site Profile e-Link subscription services; annual/biennial Section reports; and issue-specific projects. Attention is given to public engagement and continued support of relevant learning opportunities presented in new and innovative ways.

Soil relocation education and awareness

The Land Remediation Section is currently piloting a project, in partnership with the City of Surrey, to improve awareness and

understanding of the provincial regulatory requirements for soil relocation as part of a series of initiatives targeting independent remediation. Environmental consultants and soil management companies were surveyed to help determine where future educational resources should be focussed. The project includes the development of an informational brochure on soil relocation for use by developers and other soil relocation and management stakeholders in the City of Surrey. It is envisioned that the resource materials collected and developed during the project will assist other local governments with similar educational and awareness efforts in their jurisdictions.

What is compliance verification?

Compliance verification refers to activities that the ministry uses to determine if persons are meeting regulatory requirements. It can include such activities as inspections, audits, or responding to complaints. The Section is committed to enhancing our verification processes to provide a fair and consistent approach to these activities.

Reporting requirements

In keeping with our goals, we continue to improve how we monitor and verify compliance with reporting requirements in legal instruments such as Certificates of Compliance, Approvals in Principle of remediation plans, requirements imposed by the Director of Waste Management for independent remediation, and orders.

Standard clauses commonly used in Certificates and other legal instruments that specify ongoing monitoring and reporting requirements for sites undergoing remediation and for risk-managed contaminated sites have been developed, consulted upon, and are now in use by Approved Professionals and ministry staff.

Publicly accessible information

The Section will continue to promote transparency of process and increase stakeholder certainty by adding reporting requirement details, including reporting due dates and received dates, to the publicly-accessible Site Registry. We intend to move towards a more proactive approach to compliance which will encourage responsible persons to be well informed about their regulatory obligations so that they may be better equipped to make the best environmental and economic decisions.

Note: This summary is solely for the convenience of the reader. The current legislation and regulations should be consulted for complete information.

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