

## ***Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act Bulletin***

**Notice:** This Bulletin contains information that is no longer applicable which has since been revised. Please refer to “GGIRCA Bulletin 009 - Update: Temporary deadline extension for submission of emission reports and verification statements” for up to date information.

### **Temporary deadline extension for submission of emission reports and verification statements**

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation

#### **Overview**

It is recognized that we are facing rapidly changing situations as we cope with the effects of COVID-19 in our province. Everyone in British Columbia (B.C.) must follow the orders and directives issued by the Provincial Health Officer (PHO) to protect public health, and it is recognized it could have impacts on the day-to-day operations of regulated activities under the *Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act* (GGIRCA).

This bulletin provides information on recent amendments (OIC#158) to the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation (‘the Regulation’ or ‘GGERR’) that provide the Director under GGIRCA discretion to extend the deadline for submission of an emission report (which includes a verification statement) respecting the 2019 reporting period and a verification statement respecting the 2018 reporting period if verification was delayed under s.28(3) of the Regulation (herein both cases referred to as a ‘Subject Emission Report’).

Requirements of the GGIRCA and its regulations remain in effect and it is expected that all reasonable measures should be taken to comply. Now is a good time to carefully review requirements and develop plans and contingencies to ensure operations are maintained in accordance with the requirements for the foreseeable future. Please provide notice of any concerns or issues to the attention of the Compliance Unit for Industrial Reporting and Control at [GHGRegulator@gov.bc.ca](mailto:GHGRegulator@gov.bc.ca).

#### **Deadline Extension for Emission Reports**

An operator of a reporting operation and/or a regulated operation (‘Operator’) must submit a Subject Emission Report by July 31, 2020.

#### **Request for Additional Deadline Extension for Verification Statements**

If an Operator determines in consultation with the verification body responsible for verification of its’ Subject Emission Report that a required site visit cannot be conducted virtually (see GGIRCA Bulletin 005) or at the premises of the operation by July 31, 2020, the Operator may submit a request for an additional deadline extension for the verification statement to the Director under GGIRCA.

Requests must be submitted by the Operation Representative to the Director under GGIRCA at [GHGRegulator@gov.bc.ca](mailto:GHGRegulator@gov.bc.ca) by June 1, 2020 and must include:

- a summary of reasons for requiring a deadline extension beyond July 31, 2020;
- an appended note from the verification body responsible for verification of its' Subject Emission Report stating a rationale for why the required site visit(s) may not be conducted virtually and/or at the premises of the operation by July 31, 2020;
- a suggested timeline for submission of the verification statement, if known; and,
- contact information (name, email and daytime phone number) for the Operator Representative and the verification body.

The Director or an Inspector under GGIRCA may request additional information to support the determination of the appropriate deadline for the verification statement. Operators and verification bodies will be notified by June 30, 2020 if approved for an extension.

### **Regulation is Determinative**

The above is not legal advice and is provided as an aid in understanding the Regulation. Operators are responsible for reviewing the Regulation to ensure compliance with it.