

## ***Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act Bulletin 023***

### **Requirement for non-reporting industrial operations to submit information upon request of the Director under GGIRCA**

*Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation (GGERR)*

#### **Overview**

This bulletin provides information to industrial operators regarding recent amendments (OIC#87) to the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reporting Regulation ('the Regulation' or 'GGERR') regarding new requirements applicable to operators of industrial operations that do not report under the Greenhouse Gas Industrial Reporting and Control Act (GGIRCA).

Industrial operators should ensure that they understand the requirements and provide notice of 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). To view Order in Council No. 87, visit the [BC Laws website](#).

#### **Director may request information**

The Regulation has been amended to allow the Director under GGIRCA ('the Director') to require operators of industrial operations that the Director reasonably suspects to meet the emission reporting threshold to submit the information and records needed to confirm their compliance with the GGIRCA and the Regulation. The Director may specify what information and records are required, and the form and manner of the information required for the purpose of confirming compliance. If an industrial operator receives a request from the Director, they are required to submit all specified information and records.

#### **Reporting industrial greenhouse gas emissions**

Industrial operations that emit more than 10,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO<sub>2</sub>e) of greenhouse gas emissions per year ("reporting operations") must submit an emission report, and if their emissions exceed 25,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, the emission report must be verified by an accredited third-party verification body.

Industrial operations emitting less than 10,000 tCO<sub>2</sub>e are required to annually forecast emissions and register their operation with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy if they exceed the threshold, in accordance with Section 11 of the GGERR.

As a result of the amendments, the Director may require operators that do not currently report under the GGERR to provide the records needed to verify compliance, including by electronic means. If an industrial operation does not currently report under GGERR, but conducts activities and processes that are similar to other operations in that sector that do have a reporting obligation, the Director may

request the operator to submit the information and records required to make the necessary calculations in accordance with Section 15(2) of the GGERR. For example, copies of invoices, reports, or calculations relied on by the operation to forecast emissions may be requested. Inspectors under the GGIRCA may conduct additional inspections to determine compliance.

For more information on how to quantify and report industrial greenhouse gas emissions, please [visit our website](#).

## **Applicability**

The new requirements apply to industrial operations and are effective immediately.

## **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.