

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

A qualified professional ¹ providing services to either the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy (“ministry”), or to a regulated person for the purpose of obtaining an authorization from the ministry, or pursuant to a requirement imposed under the *Environmental Management Act*, the *Integrated Pest Management Act* or the *Park Act* has a real or perceived conflict of interest when the qualified professional, or their relatives, close associates or personal friends have a financial or other interest in the outcome of the work being performed.

A real or perceived conflict of interest occurs when a qualified professional has

- a) an ownership interest in the regulated person’s business;
- b) an opportunity to influence a decision that leads to financial benefits from the regulated person or their business other than a standard fee for service (e.g. bonuses, stock options, other profit sharing arrangements);
- c) a personal or professional interest in a specific outcome;
- d) the promise of a long term or ongoing business relationship with the regulated person;
- e) a spouse or other family member who will benefit from a specific outcome; or
- f) any other interest that could be perceived as a threat to the independence or objectivity of the qualified professional in performing a duty or function.

Qualified professionals who fulfill regulatory requirements on behalf of regulated persons seeking authorization under ministry legislation must take care in the conduct of their work that potential conflicts of interest within their control are avoided or mitigated. Precise rules in conflict of interest are not possible and professionals must rely on guidance of their professional associations, their common sense, conscience and sense of personal integrity.

This conflict of interest disclosure statement is collected under section 26(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* for the purposes of increasing government transparency and ensuring professional ethics and accountability. By signing and submitting this statement you consent to its publication and its disclosure outside of Canada. This consent is valid from the date submitted and cannot be revoked. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of your personal information please contact the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Headquarters Office at 1-800-663-7867.

¹Qualified Professional, in relation to a duty or function under ministry legislation, means an individual who

- a) is registered in British Columbia with a professional association, is acting under that organization’s code of ethics, and is subject to disciplinary action by that association, and
- b) through suitable education, experience, accreditation and knowledge, may reasonably be relied on to provide advice within his or her area of expertise, which area of expertise is applicable to the duty or function.

Declaration

I, _____ Print First and Last Name as a member of _____ Print Name of Professional Association
declare

Select one of the following:

Absence from conflict of interest

Other than the standard fee I will receive for my professional services, I have no financial or other interest in the outcome of this _____ application/project/work/etc.. I further declare that should a conflict of interest arise in the future during the course of this work, I will fully disclose the circumstances in writing and without delay to _____ Insert Ministry Contact Name, erring on the side of caution.

Real or perceived conflict of interest

Description and nature of conflict(s):

I will maintain my objectivity, conducting my work in accordance with my Code of Ethics and standards of practice.

In addition, I will take the following steps to mitigate the real or perceived conflict(s) I have disclosed, to ensure the public interest remains paramount:

Further, I acknowledge that this disclosure may be interpreted as a threat to my independence and will be considered by the statutory decision maker accordingly.

Signature:

X _____

Print name: _____

Date: _____

Witnessed by:

X _____

Print name: _____