



REGULATIONS TO NOTE

May 24, 2017 up to and including July 25, 2017

Employment and Assistance Act, amends the Employment and Assistance Regulation (B.C. Reg. 263/2002) to increase income assistance by \$100 a month (effective October 1, 2017, B.C. Reg. 153/2017).

Employment And Assistance For Persons With Disabilities Act, amends the Employment and Assistance for Persons with Disabilities Regulation (B.C. Reg. 265/2002) to increase disability assistance by \$100 a month (effective October 1, 2017, B.C. Reg. 153/2017).

Oil and Gas Activities Act, amends the Drilling and Production Regulation (B.C. Reg. 282/2010), including to:

- Add these definitions:
 - “deep groundwater”;
 - “groundwater”;
 - “integrity management program”;
 - “safety equipment”; and
 - “usable groundwater”;
- Permit an official to grant to a permit holder an exemption in writing from the application of specified provisions of the regulation;
- Make amendments regarding wells in unconventional zones listed in Schedule 2 to the provision regarding spacing and target areas for oil wells;
- Stipulate that the required testing of well control equipment does not apply to a well drilled to access usable groundwater;
- Require that personnel be trained and/or hold specified certificates, as the case may be, regarding drilling of wells;
- Require a permit holder to provide current emergency notification information;
- Require a permit holder to observe specified safety practices regarding using tools, casing, equipment and materials to drill a well;
- Require a permit holder, in addition to ensuring that wellhead equipment is designed to operate safely, to maintain such equipment to operate safely;

- Require a permit holder to observe specified casing requirements;
- Add requirements if the permit holder is using injection, for the holder to notify the Commission in event of induced seismicity;
- Require a well permit holder to notify the Commission before beginning work to perform maintenance operations on a wellbore;
- Allow an official to exempt a permit holder from plugging requirements for wells for wells drilled to access usable groundwater;
- Make amendments regarding safety, security and pollution prevention;
- Make amendments regarding productions operations in oil, gas, water and pressure measurement; and
- Repeal and replace Schedule 2 (Unconventional Zones)(all effective June 1, 2017, B.C. Reg. 146/2017)

The Drilling and Production Regulation (B.C. Reg. 282/2010) is further amended to:

- Require a facility permit holder to create and maintain an integrity management program; and
- Require a facility permit holder to notify the Commission within specified time limits if the holder suspends facility operations (effective June 15, 2018, B.C. Reg. 146/2017).

The Fee, Levy and Security Regulation (B.C. Reg. 8/2014) is amended to add new sections to require specified application review fees to be paid by an applicant to the Commission regarding manufacturing plant and petroleum refinery permits and amendments to these permits (effective June 1, 2017, B.C. Reg. 147/2017).

Public Service Act, rescinds paragraph (b) regarding salary adjustments and paragraph (c) regarding Executive Council/Minister's Office appointees, both in Order in Council (OIC) 1230/1993, repeals the Salary Range Order (OIC 588/2006) and creates the Salary Range Regulation for government appointees (effective July 18, 2017, B.C. Reg. 152/2017 aka OIC 219/2017). The Salary Range Regulation sets out annual salary ranges for government appointees, starting at Band 1 (\$53,000.15) and ending at Band 6 (\$137,999.87).

The following Orders in Council set out new government appointments (all effective July 18, 2017):

- New deputy ministers and associate deputy ministers appointments in OIC 214/2017 and OIC 216/2017;
- New Treasury Board appointment in OIC 215/2017;

- New Special Advisor appointments in OIC 217/2017 and OIC 218/2017;
- New appointments to the Office of the Premier in OIC 220/2017;
- New Ministerial appointments in OIC 221/2017 and OIC 222/2017; and
- New government Communications and Public Engagement appointments in OIC 223/2017 and 224/2017.

The following Orders in Council set out new executive appointments to the BC Housing Management Commission, BC Hydro and ICBC in OIC 225/2017, OIC 226/2017 and OIC 227/2017 (effective July 19, 2017).

Securities Act, creates the National Instrument 94-102 Derivatives: Customer Clearing and Protection of Customer Collateral and Positions (effective July 3, 2017, B.C. Reg. 148/2017).

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