

## **Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) Publish New Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) Audit Protocol for Saskatchewan, Canada.**

*Latest EHS Regulations Updates Assist Companies to Achieve EHS Compliance. This release also includes information on the newly developed Environmental Health and Safety Audit Protocol for Saskatchewan Mining*

Vancouver, B.C., Canada ([PRWEB](#)) July 19, 2018 -- Specialty Technical Publishers (STP) and Specialty Technical Consultants (STC) announce the availability of the newly developed International Audit Protocol Consortium (IAPC) EHS audit protocols for [Saskatchewan](#) and Saskatchewan Mining. Leading companies around the world use IAPC EHS audit protocols to understand the scope of their EHS regulatory obligations and rapidly collect, share, archive, and export audit findings in a cost effective manner. IAPC EHS audit protocols are now prepared by STC in partnership with STP and continue to focus on those national (plus, in some cases, regional or provincial) EHS requirements that have site-specific application for manufacturing operations. As a leading EHS management consulting firm with a global network of experienced EHS teaming partners, STC has indepth knowledge and technical expertise of local/regional EHS requirements.

STP and STC maintain leading-edge EHS audit protocols for more than 30 jurisdictions. The protocol documents are written in English and are available in MS Word, Adobe Acrobat and Excel formats, as well as through STP's web-based portal or can be integrated into an existing company platform. Using the protocols' custom templates and advanced functionality features, auditors can easily track audit findings and manage data over time to improve compliance, risk management and safety performance. In addition, STP's formatting is compatible with leading risk management and sustainability platform providers.

Highlights of selected legislation covered in the newly developed protocol include:

- In Canada, environmental management is an area of shared constitutional authority. Matters involving international issues, treaties, inter-provincial and international transportation of dangerous goods, criminal law powers, boundary waters, and wildlife and fisheries are designated as being exclusively under federal jurisdiction, whereas matters relating to property and civil rights or the management of resources, for example, fall within the exclusive jurisdiction of provinces. Environmental issues may relate to any of these heads of power, and in some cases, this creates overlapping jurisdiction.
- Saskatchewan Environment is the main ministry responsible for environmental issues in Saskatchewan. Saskatchewan Environment has ongoing responsibilities for the administration and management of provincial environmental protection and emergency response programs and services. This includes the delivery of programs and services, and the inspection, compliance monitoring, and enforcement of environmental legislation. More information is available [here](#). Another important environmental agency is the Water Security Agency, which is responsible for the majority of Saskatchewan's water management responsibilities. More information is available [here](#).
- The primary legislation in Saskatchewan for environmental issues is "The Environmental Management and Protection Act" and its regulations. Adopted under the "Act" is also the "Saskatchewan Environmental Code," which establishes requirements regarding land management and protection, water management and protection, natural resource management (i.e. forests), and air management and protection.

- As with environmental legislation, the provinces have the primary responsibility for the development and enforcement of occupational health and safety legislation. WorkSafe Saskatchewan enforces the “Saskatchewan Employment Act” and its associated regulations; more information is available [here](#).
- The primary legislation under the “Saskatchewan Employment Act” is “The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, Chapter O-1.1 Reg. 1.” Areas of concentration include: general safety requirements; notice of accidents; and provisions for guardrails, clearances, floors, coverings and doors, lighting, fire prevention protection for flammable liquids, installation of machinery and equipment, machine guarding, material handling, identification of hazardous substances in piping systems, maintenance and repairs, protective equipment, buildings, and industrial hygiene.

Highlights of selected legislation in the newly developed Mining protocol include:

- In Canada, the provincial governments are responsible for regulating mining within their jurisdiction. Federal responsibility includes uranium mining in the context of the nuclear fuel cycle, mineral activities related to federal Crown corporations, and mineral activities on federal lands and in offshore areas. These topics are beyond the scope of this protocol. As such, the Saskatchewan Mining Protocol focuses on the relevant provincial requirements. Note that the general EHS requirements in the standard Saskatchewan Protocol also apply to mining activities, unless specified otherwise.

The primary mining-specific legislation includes:

- “The Mines Regulations, 2003,” which provide the comprehensive set of requirements for health and safety concerns that are specifically applicable to mining operations. Amongst others, the relevant topics include the design of mines, work practices and procedures at mines, the use hoists used in mines, the storage, transportation, and use of explosives, haulage activities at mines, and emergency response and mine rescue procedures.
- “The Mineral Industry Environmental Protection Regulations, 1996,” which establish the requirements for obtaining an approval to construct, install, alter, extend, operate, or temporarily close a pollutant control facility or decommission and reclaim a mining site. In addition, the Regulations provide limitations respecting certain discharges at a site.
- The Saskatchewan Mining Association has published some fact sheets about the mining industry in Saskatchewan, which include details on environmental and safety issues. These fact sheets are available [here](#). The government of Saskatchewan has also published some information regarding energy and resources in the province, which is available [here](#).

For more information on all International EHS audit protocols offered by STP and STC click [here](#).

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[Specialty Technical Consultants, Inc. \(STC\)](#) is a specialized management consulting firm working to enhance environmental health and safety (EHS) performance. Through its consulting services, STC partners with clients to strengthen management systems' design and implementation, and identifies needs and implements solutions to meet business objectives. Services provided include: EHS compliance support; risk assessment; EHS auditing; corporate responsibility and sustainability; EHS management systems development and implementation; EHS regulatory information tools; and EHS training.

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