

Kamloops August 12, Prince George August 17, Vancouver August 20
BC Safety Authority Safety Standards Act : Bioenergy Sector Consultations

The Province of British Columbia has recently passed various changes to the BC Safety Standards Act. The changes introduce Alternative Safety Approaches wherein an owner or operator may choose to operate a facility with a safety management plan that is consistent with the objectives of the Safety Standards Act in place of complying with the prescriptive requirements in the regulations.

The BC Safety Authority is conducting information/consultation sessions to a broad audience during July and August. The objective of these sessions is to inform and obtain feedback from various industries at both a conceptual and introductory policy development level. Representatives from the bioenergy sector have been involved in these initial consultation sessions.

In addition to these consultation sessions, the BC Safety Authority has also scheduled three bioenergy sector-specific workshops. The objective of these workshops is to have a more detailed dialogue and input from bioenergy sector representatives on regulation and policy development issues.

These one-day workshops will take place in:

- Kamloops: Thursday, August 12 (9:00am-3:30pm)
- Prince George: Tuesday, August 17 (9:00am-3:30pm)
- Vancouver: August 20, 2010 (9:00am-3:30pm)

Exact locations will be confirmed upon registration. As these are working sessions, registration is limited to 15 participants per workshop and is on a first come, first serve basis.

While the initial applications for a safety management plan will be directed to 'greenfield' operations, the focus of the three workshops will be on 'greenfield' and 'brownfield' operations.

If interested, please RSVP at http://www.safetyauthority.ca/form/rsvp_bioenergy. Please email me at Jim.Allaway@safetyauthority.ca or call 778-396-2129 if you have any questions.

Thank you for assisting and supporting the BC Safety Authority in this initiative.

Best regards,

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