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BCSA now accepting safety management plan applications

The BC Safety Authority (BCSA) is accepting applications for safety management plans for new or greenfield bioenergy projects effective April 1, 2011. This is part of the alternative safety approaches program being managed by the BCSA.

An alternative safety approach is an outcome-based approach to achieving safety that is acceptable under the Safety Standards Act. It is an approach that gives owners and operators of regulated equipment flexibility in managing safety. The approach treats safety as an integrated whole instead of simply complying with a series of prescriptive requirements.

The alternative safety approach offers two options:

- A safety management plan which is a broad approach and applies to the safety of an entire facility.
- An equivalent standard approach which applies to one aspect of an installation or operation.

Initially, only applications for safety management plans will be accepted for new or greenfield bioenergy projects/sites. In early 2012 applications will be accepted from all other sites/projects. The safety management plan will apply to all or any of these technologies - boilers, pressure vessels and refrigeration, electrical and gas.

On September 1, 2011 applications for equivalent standard approaches will be accepted for all technologies under the Safety Standards Act.

For more information about the alternative safety approach and safety management plans, call Pearse Walsh, Leader for Business Development at 250-718-1958 or email Pearse.Walsh@safetyauthority.ca.

The British Columbia Safety Authority mandates the safe installation and use of technical equipment. The BCSA also issues permits and licences, educates, and conducts on-site inspections in high-risk situations.

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