

Your Association Update - November Activities

Dear Andrew,

Below please find your regular monthly update covering all of the latest activities of the SIAC.

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Update on Suspended Access Equipment Regulations

In October SIAC members met and developed a list of areas they required clarification on regarding new Suspended Access Equipment Regulations. You can download a copy of that final list of points to be clarified by clicking [HERE](#).

The Association forwarded this list to the Ministry of Labour to review, as it began drafting a guidance document to go with the new regulations.

In November the Association met with the Ministry of Labour to discuss its list of required clarifications. Attending the meeting on behalf of the Ministry of Labour was:

- Carol Sackville-Duyvelshoff, Director of the Occupational Health and Safety Branch;
- Roger Jeffreys, Provincial Engineer;
- Erich Schmidt, Office of the Minister of Labour;
- Enzo Garritano, President and CEO, Infrastructure Health and Safety Association;
- Chris Plouffe, Acting Provincial Coordinator, Construction Health and Safety Program;
- Pierre Rouleau, Provincial Specialist;
- Robert Molina, Engineer;
- Marlene Hall, Senior Policy Advisor;
- Cara Chiapponi, Manager, Regulation Development; and,
- Sam Preziuso, Training Consultant, Infrastructure Health and Safety Association.

Attending the meeting on behalf of the SIAC was:

- Roger Marsland, President, SIAC;
- Jim Wilkinson, SIAC Board of Directors;

- Rick McKinlay, SIAC Board of Directors;
- Ian Haig, Chair of the SIAC SAE Committee;
- Andrew Boddington, Policy Concepts; and,
- Jonathan Rose, Policy Concepts.

Guidance Document Coming

Ms. Sackville-Duyvelshoff stated that the Ministry was happy to have the Associations' help thinking through how the new regulations would be operationalized. She explained the Ministry of Labour had already begun to draft a guidance document that would address the questions raised by the SIAC.

The guidance document will not be a detailed, step-by-step guide for companies, but Sackville-Duyvelshoff did say that she thought it will help clarify the intent of the new regulations. In addition, the guidance document will not be static, and can be revised if the government or industry feels further clarifications would be beneficial.

During the meeting the Association walked through each of the points that required clarification, and discussed with the Ministry what their intention was for each section. Based on that discussion the Association is optimistic the guidance document will be a helpful tool for the Industry, and that the Industry will be able to work within the new rules.

Timing

Sackville-Duyvelshoff went on to explain the Ministry hoped to have the guidance document finished before the regulations go into effect on January 1st, and therefore expected to release it by December 15th. The Association will circulate it to the Membership as soon as it is issued.

New Training Program

At our meeting the IHSA spoke about their plans for a new training program as required by section 138 of the regulations. Mr. Garritano explained that the IHSA was working towards having a new user training program up and running by January 1st, so that the industry could begin to train its workers this winter. Details for the new program will be released shortly.

MOL Report to the PLMHSC - Construction Sector

At the November Meeting of the Provincial Labour

Management Health and Safety Committee, the Ministry of Labour circulated a list of Fatalities and Critical Injuries to date in the construction sector, which you can download by clicking [HERE](#). The second page of the document provides a summary of the 15 Critical Injuries that were reported to the Ministry in October.

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