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ENVIROFOR NEWS:

Latest Update Addresses Fixes

Quickscribe has resolved an issue with how certain characters were being rendered when generating a PDF. Some clients may have noticed that certain quotes and en dashes were recently being displayed as nonsensical characters. The issue stemmed from the recent database and server upgrade and was isolated to a handful of laws. The issue has now been resolved.

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ENERGY AND MINES NEWS

\$18-Billion LNG Project Projected to Meet Mid-decade Start Despite COVID-19 Delays

LNG Canada project had to cut in half its 1,500 workforce in the spring because of safety concerns related to the coronavirus pandemic. The \$18-billion project will liquefy natural gas from northeast BC in a plant at Kitimat in northwest BC, where it will be loaded onto ships and transported to Asian markets. It is the only project that moved ahead to the construction phase among several that had been proposed in BC to tap into growing demand for energy in Asia and diversify from reliance on export to the U.S.

The major players backing the project include Shell, Malaysian state-owned Petronas, state-owned PetroChina, Mitsubishi in Japan and South Korea's KOGAS. Read the *Vancouver Sun* [article](#).

Recent BCOGC Bulletins

The BCOGC has recently issued the following bulletin:

- [INDB 2020-25](#) – Dormant Sites Annual Work Plan and Annual Report Submission Changes
- [IB 2020-09](#) – AMS Payment to be Renamed as ePayment
- [IB 2020-10](#) – Disposal Well Near Hudson's Hope Decommissioned

Visit the [BCOGC website](#) to view this and other bulletins.

ENERGY AND MINES

Act or Regulation Affected	Effective Date	Amendment Information
Fuel Price Transparency Regulation (52/2020)	Nov. 1/20	by Reg 213/2020
Zero-Emission Vehicles Act	Nov. 1/20	by 2019 Bill 28, c. 29, sections 17 and 18 only (in force Reg. 196/2020), Zero-Emission Vehicles Act
Zero-Emission Vehicles Regulation (196/2020)	Nov. 1/20	by Reg. 196/2020

FORESTRY AND ENVIRONMENT NEWS

Early Consolidation of Contaminated Sites Regulation & EMA

For your convenience, Quickscribe has published an early consolidated version of the [Contaminated Sites Regulation](#), B.C. Reg. 375/96, and [Environmental Management Act](#) as they will read on February 1, 2021, once [Bill 17, Environmental Management Amendment Act, 2019](#), comes into law. Originally introduced in May 2019, Bill 17 intends to streamline and simplify site identifications while capturing contaminated sites that were previously left unregulated. Among other changes, there is a new requirement that a site disclosure statement be submitted to the registrar as opposed to the director. The operator and owner of the property now have added responsibilities to ensure the person associated with the contaminated site is captured in the disclosure requirements. The amendments will allow for more focus on ministry resources on high-risk sites and overall compliance verification and enforcement, with the overall result of increased protection for human health and the environment. The changes address issues raised during the initial consultation with industry, other ministries, local governments and Indigenous nations across the province. These and other early consolidated legislation can be found on the ["Special Early Consolidations"](#) page via the left navigation on Quickscribe.

Federal Government Introduces Bill C-12 to Mandate 2050 Net-Zero Emission Requirements

On November 19, 2020, the federal government introduced [Bill C-12](#), the *Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act*, the latest in a series of federal government initiatives aimed at satisfying Canada's obligations under the Paris Agreement, which establishes the framework for national greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to attain net-zero emissions by 2050. The main features of Bill C-12 include:

1. the requirement to set national greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for each milestone year of 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045, culminating in a national net-zero emission target by 2050;

Read the [full article](#) by Thomas McInerney, Sharon Singh, Radha Curpen, Parker Mckibbon and Kenryo Mizutani With Bennett Jones LLP.

Environmental Appeal Board Decisions

There was one Environmental Appeal Board decision in the month of September:

[Water Sustainability Act](#)

- [Kulwinder Singh Gill: Avninderjit Kaur Gill v. Assistant Water Manager](#) [Consent Order – Appeal Dismissed with Directions]

[Wildlife Act](#)

- [Chad Sjodin, Hanna M.K. Buchanan, 1002670 BC Ltd., Scott B. Campbell v. Director, Wildlife and Habitat Branch](#) [Summary Dismissal Decision – Appeals Dismissed]

Visit the Environmental Appeal Board [website](#) for more information.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY NEWS

December 2020 Virtual Public Hearing on Proposed Regulatory Amendments

– from WorkSafeBC

WorkSafeBC has rescheduled the public hearing on proposed amendments to Parts 6, 8, 16, 18, and 21 of the [Occupational Health and Safety Regulation](#) to December 10, 2020. In light of the ongoing and rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, and in an effort to maximize physical distancing, the public hearing will be held virtually. The virtual public hearing will be streamed live in two sessions. The first will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Visit [WorkSafeBC](#) for further details.

Mandatory Face Coverings in Indoor Public Spaces

On November 24, 2020, the Province passed Ministerial Order No. [M425/2020](#) requiring face coverings to be worn in "indoor public spaces" as defined in the Order. Indoor public spaces include retail businesses, restaurants, common areas of office buildings, city halls, community and recreation centres, and libraries. Face coverings, defined as masks or tightly woven fabrics that cover the nose and mouth, must be worn in indoor public spaces by all British Columbians, 12 years and older, subject to a few exceptions: Read the [full bulletin](#) by Amy O'Connor, Elizabeth Anderson, and Michael Moll of Young Anderson, Barristers & Solicitors.

Challenges Faced by Public and Private Sector Vehicle Drivers in the Age of COVID-19

Opinion

Predictions have "contactless" journeys as a safer alternative to help people limit their interactions with key touchpoints in public travel. In places like the UK, for example, limiting the circulation of hard money, is just one such attempt to promote safe travel. This comes as an answer to rising safety concerns. In the UK, taxi death rates involving COVID-19 are one of the highest compared to other occupations, [according to official figures](#). Yet, when it comes to transportation – public, private, or commercial – this once bustling sector is still evolving to understand how it keep can both passengers and drivers protected. Read the [full article](#) by Fraser Rankin and published on the Canadian Occupational Safety website.

WorkSafe BC Updates Guidelines – (November 13)

– from WorkSafeBC:

A number of Occupational Health and Safety regulation guidelines were updated on November. These include:

Guidelines – Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

- Part 3 Rights and Responsibilities
 - G3.11 [Emergency circumstances](#) (retired)
- Part 5 Chemical Agents and Biological Agents
 - G5.53-1 [Workplace monitoring](#) (revised)
 - G5.53-4 [Occupational hygiene methods acceptable to WorkSafeBC](#) (revised)
- Part 18 Traffic Control
 - G18.3 [Interim Traffic Management Manual](#) (retired)
- Part 20 Construction, Excavation and Demolition
 - G20.2.1(1) and (2) [Notice of project for hazardous substances - Ongoing asbestos work](#) (revised)
- Part 24 Diving, Fishing and Other Marine Operations
 - G24.1-4 [Dive site – Definition](#) (revised)

New and revised guidelines are posted for a 60-day preliminary period, during which time the stakeholder community may [comment and request revisions](#). Visit [WorkSafe BC Updates page](#) for these and other changes.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

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There were no amendments this month.		

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