

UBCM MEMBER NOTICE

TO: Directors of Engineering / Planning
FROM: Jared Wright, Policy Analyst
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RE: **CONTAMINATED SITES – CONSULTATION SESSIONS**

The Land Remediation Section of the Ministry of Environment will be hosting a series of consultation meetings on February 7th and 8th, 2007. The sessions will provide an overview of new documents recently released by the Ministry and an update regarding the development of the Contaminated Sites Approved Professional Society.

TOPICS

The new draft documents were released by the Ministry on December 21, 2006, and include the following:

- * A procedure for processing site profiles
- * Supplemental guidance for risk assessments
- * A procedure for defining the boundaries of a site
- * A protocol for classifying sites according to risk
- * A protocol for screening level risk assessment
- * Air concentration criteria
- * Guidance on soil vapour investigations

These proposed documents are currently available for public comment (comment period ends on February 16, 2007) at: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/contam_sites/draft_documents/

An update on the implementation of the Contaminated Sites Approved Professional Society will also be provided by the Roster Steering Committee.

LOCATION

The meetings will be held at the Fletcher Challenge Canada Theatre at Simon Fraser University Harbour Center, 515 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. For more information about the venue, visit

<http://www.harbour.sfu.ca/mecs/index.htm>

SESSIONS

There will be a total of three sessions taking place between February 7 and 8, 2007. All sessions will be free of charge and coffee and muffins will be provided. The same material will be presented within all three sessions. However, the last session (#3) includes an additional two hours of time for questions and an open discussion period. Lunch will not be provided.

#1	February 7, 2007	08:00-12:00	B.C. Business Council and Industry
#2	February 7, 2007	13:00-17:00	Government and NGOs
#3	February 8, 2007	09:00-16:00	Practitioners and others

REGISTRATION

If you are interested in attending, please register by sending an e-mail message to michele.parker@gov.bc.ca. That message must contain the following information: your name; your job title; your organization; and the session you wish to attend (# 1, 2 or 3).

Please note that each session is limited to 200 attendees, and space may become limited. Registration will be confirmed on a first-come first-serve basis. Once finalized, a more detailed agenda for the meetings will be posted on the Ministry's web site.

If you have any questions about the consultation meetings, please contact Michele Parker at site@gov.bc.ca.