

Program Evaluation of the Code of Practice Development and Regulatory Review Process

Issue Area: Stakeholder Involvement/Consultation

Goal: Appropriate Opportunities for Stakeholder Involvement and Clearly Communicated Consultation Outcomes

The ministry will offer to meet with stakeholders in order to clarify the scope and objectives of stakeholder consultation. Additional opportunities to engage stakeholders in order to complement the Intentions Paper process will be explored. The Ministry will work towards publishing consultation comments as soon as possible after web consultations are complete.

Issue Area: Investment of Time and Resources

Goal: Manageable Workload for Ministry Staff

The ministry will ensure that there is an adequate number of team members and that each member's responsibilities are reflected in their individual work plans. The availability of facilitation and administrative resources to team members has also been increased. Project management training is being provided to all team leads and project management practices are being enhanced.

Issue Area: Use of Ministry Teams

Goal: Efficient Use of Staff Resources

A new team approach has been developed in which team leads act as project managers while other members play more of an advisory role. Team leads will be provided training in facilitation and team building. An official selection process for team members will be put in place and the end point of the process will be clearly communicated.

Issue Area: Five Stage Process

Goal: Continued Enhancement of Five Stage Process

The five stage process that the ministry has been using (go to <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/codes/index.htm> for more details on the 5 stages) to develop or amend regulations will be enhanced by improving the availability of tools, templates and training. The role of the Environmental Management Branch in ensuring central coordination of the process has been clarified. Staff will further be supported through the assignment of legislative advisors to each team at the beginning of the process.

Issue Area: Communications

Goal: Enhanced Communications

Enhanced communication efforts will continue so that Ministry staff are generally aware and informed about the status of various projects and the overall five-stage process. Several policies have been developed or are being worked on that will help to provide direction to teams. Internal discussions will occur to ensure that team members are using their time effectively.