

## **Advisory Panel on Contaminated Sites**

Suite 400, 601 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC  
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**June 4, 2002**

Dear Sir or Madam,

**Re: Minister's Advisory Panel on Contaminated Sites; Request for Submissions and Comments from Interested Citizens and Stakeholders**

On May 14, 2002 Joyce Murray, Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection appointed an advisory panel to carry out a review of the contaminated sites provisions in Part 4 of the *Waste Management Act* and the *Contaminated Sites Regulation*.

The Panel has been asked to review a number of key components of the contaminated sites regime. The Panel's Terms of Reference are attached for your information. The Panel will consult with citizens and stakeholders to determine their needs and expectations. It will report to the Minister in September 2002. The Panel recommendations will be used to develop a new policy framework for the regulation of contaminated sites in British Columbia and inform subsequent legislative changes required for the Spring 2003 Legislative session and consequential regulatory changes.

The Panel is composed of four members:

- Margaret Eriksson (Panel Chair) is a lawyer, mediator and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of British Columbia with experience in contaminated sites.
- Dennis Konasewich, Ph.D., P. Eng. is an environmental consultant and Vice President, Technical Services with Hemerra Envirochem.
- Peter Lloyd is a Chartered Accountant and Victoria office managing partner with Grant Thornton LLP, a firm of chartered accountants and management consultants.
- John Sager is the Manager, Toxics, Special Waste, and Pesticides with the Ministry's Environmental Management Branch in Victoria.

Many British Columbians participated in the consultation process before and after the current contaminated sites system came into force on April 1, 1997. The

Panel's consultation process is a continuation of this dialogue and seeks to involve interested citizens and stakeholders in a review of the legislation.

The Panel is interested in hearing your perspective about what works or does not work well in the current contaminated sites system and if you have any specific suggestions for change.

**If you would like to participate in the citizen and stakeholder consultation process, please provide your comments on the legislation and current contaminated sites system in writing by July 19, 2002. Please send five copies of your submissions or comments to the following address:**

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In the coming weeks, the Panel will be seeking further information from some of the individuals or groups that previously sent the Ministry comments about the contaminated sites regime. In addition, after the Panel has had a chance to review written submissions and comments, it will contact additional citizens and stakeholders for further information or to arrange meetings to discuss problems identified, principles and possible solutions. Panel members will consider your comments when they prepare their recommendations and report for the Minister.

The *Waste Management Act*, R.S.B.C 1996 c. 482 as amended, and *Contaminated Sites Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 375/96 as amended, are currently available on the following websites:

- [http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/contam\\_sites/](http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/contam_sites/)
- [http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/list\\_statreg\\_w.htm](http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/list_statreg_w.htm)

They are also available within collections of British Columbia statutes and regulations in many public and court house libraries around the Province.

On behalf of the Panel, I encourage you to review the legislation and provide us with your comments. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Eriksson, Chair  
Advisory Panel on Contaminated Sites