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Changes to WorkSafeBC Regulation Section 20

This impacts property managers, contractors, restoration companies, and developers



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On February 1, 2015 WorkSafeBC will be making significant changes to Section 20 of the BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (Construction Excavation and Demolition).

Brief Notes:

There has always been a requirement that before any demolition work is carried out, a Qualified Person must inspect the building for hazardous materials. Starting February 1, 2015, the regulations have been changed to specifically include all renovation work.

The change now places responsibility on all parties (including, but not limited to, the owner, prime contractor, and demolition / restoration contractor) to ensure that the inspection is carried out and a copy of the report is posted on site. The report must clearly state the methodology used by the Qualified Person, the location of each hazardous material identified in the inspection, and the approximate quantity of each hazardous material.

The hazardous materials must be removed or safely contained before any other demolition or restoration work starts, and any materials not previously identified but exposed during the work must be assessed by the Qualified Person before being disturbed.

A completely new requirement of the regulation is that, following completion of the removal or safe containment of the hazardous materials, the Qualified Person must now re-inspect the site and provide written confirmation that the hazardous materials have been removed or contained.

Breakfast Seminar: Hazardous Materials

Levelton will be hosting a breakfast seminar highlighting a range of current issues concerning hazardous materials and the impact of legislation including building code changes. Guest speaker Anna Rybczynski, Occupational Hygiene Officer with WorkSafeBC, will outline the upcoming changes to the regulations.

When: February 18, 2015

Where: Marriott Fairfield Inn, Kelowna, B.C.

Register in Advance: cganske@levelton.com or 1-250-491-9778

Questions?

If there is a group or organization interested in a similar presentation in the Lower Mainland or on Vancouver Island, or if you have any questions about the WorkSafeBC's Section 20 of the BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulation (Construction Excavation and Demolition), please contact us at hazmat@levelton.com.



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Levelton has more than 30 years' experience in conducting hazardous materials investigations and has recently been selected as an approved consultant to provide these services to WorkSafeBC.