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We Have Moved!

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Canada HSE Registries is now known as ComplyWorks

Canada HSE Registries announced their name change to ComplyWorks at the first of the year. This week they announced that they have entered into a three-year strategic partnership agreement with Alliance Borealis to provide industry best practices, and ongoing real-time regulatory compliance monitoring for (HSE) across Canada.

Enform Launches a New COR Audit Protocol

Effective May 1, 2010, a new COR Audit Protocol for the oil and gas industry is available. Use of/compliance with this new protocol becomes mandatory effective July 1, 2010 with few exceptions.

The new protocol is an improvement over the current version which has been focused primarily on Alberta OH&S legislation. Enform states that this new tool will “bring everyone up to the higher standard that meets BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan requirements.”

A quick look at a few of the changes in the new protocol shows a harder look at a number of items:

Management Involvement and Commitment

- Greater emphasis on including goals and objectives in the Health & Safety Policy statement
- Demonstration that those goals and objectives are integrated into the safety program

Hazard Identification and Assessment

- A requirement to assign responsibilities for the implementation of hazard controls

- A requirement to document the confirmation that controls have actually been implemented.

Hazard Control

- Responsibilities assigned for the management of a company's WHMIS program. WHMIS compliance is a much bigger issue in the new protocol
- A plan for the control of hazardous wastes

Training

- Responsibilities for training must be assigned in the safety program manual.
- A need for a “change management system” has been added

Emergency Response

- An analysis process used to determine potential emergencies is required.
- A specific question regarding the competency of emergency responders has been added.

Incident Reporting & Investigation

- Investigations of work refusals must be covered in the investigation procedure.

Communication

- A requirement has been added to develop an action plan following an audit and to actually follow that action plan through to completion.

Joint Health & Safety Committees (for BC & Sask)

- Where required by legislation, must have an appropriate committee in place. Some 11 questions pertaining directly to the committee and its activities are included, going beyond the simple formation of the committee. Failure to have a functioning committee in place will result in failure of the audit for BC and/or Saskatchewan based companies. For smaller companies in BC, a “worker representative” is required.

Tell your friends and peers! It is the intention of Insafe Consulting to conduct a number of informational seminars in communities throughout the Peace Country prior to July 1, 2010 (and perhaps later, depending upon interest). A nominal fee will be charged for this seminar, the purpose of which will be to inform COR holders and those hoping to achieve certification through Enform, of the requirements of the new audit tool.

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CSN and CSABC are Merging!

The long awaited merger of BC's Construction Safety Association of British Columbia (CSABC) and the Construction Safety network (CSN) has been announced. The “new” association has not yet revealed its name as yet, nor its plans for bringing the individual COR audit protocols together.

As you likely know, the only differences between the two audit protocols at present are the respective questions in Section 14. If I were will to bet, I would go with a combination of the existing questions from both audit protocols, although WorkSafe BC may want to see a different focus. Only time will tell and so

far—both associations are remaining tight-lipped about those plans. On their current websites, both organizations are aiming for a June 2010 launching of the merged association. Regardless of the changes, no doubt everyone will benefit from this merger!