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BC OH&S Regulations for PPE

To learn more about the BC OH&S Regulations for PPE, try their website:

www2.worksafebc.com/
In "Quicklinks" (left side of page) click on "OHS Regulation"
Then click on "8. Personal Protective Clothing & Equipment"

A Learning Opportunity for the New Enform COR Audit Protocol

Enform has made major changes to the COR audit protocol that becomes mandatory for use as of July 1, 2010.

Enform estimates that COR scores will drop an average of 6% to 8% as a result.

InSafe Consulting Ltd will present two, 4 hour audit preparation seminars to help you in getting ready to achieve a passing score on your next audit. We will review the changes to the audit protocol and show you how you can qualify to be awarded the points you need for a successful audit.

This course is recommended for owners/managers/safety coordinators of COR Certified Companies and those seeking certification.

For company's certified in British Columbia, one of the most onerous changes is the

requirement to have a functioning Joint Health & Safety Committee in place. Without such a committee in place, no company in BC can hope to meet the new audit standard.

The first course date is **Monday July 12, 2010** at the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce in the Al Robertson Room in the main foyer from 1pm to 5pm.

A second seminar is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 11, 2010** in Fort St. John at the North Peace Cultural Centre, from 1 to 5PM.

Cost is **\$25.00** per person (cash at the door). Please register by contacting us by Friday July 9th by e-mail or by phone:

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These seminars are an Insafe Consulting Ltd. initiative and are not sanctioned or supported by Enform.

Rumours of Changes to basic PPE in British Columbia

During several recent audits in BC, clients have reported hearing rumours (actually from a WorkSafeBC officer) about a move to essentially "outlaw" blue coveralls. As a result, we decided to research this story to find out what is actually going on.

In a discussion with this WorkSafeBC officer, it was discovered that what is really happening is that WSBC is preparing to enforce their existing standards, which follow the CSA standards for High-Visibility clothing.

What this means is that for those occupations for which

WSBC has determined high-vis clothing is required, that clothing must meet the CSA standards. These standards address what works best where visibility is concerned, including the best background colours of garments.

And this is where the question of blue coveralls arises...*blue is not seen as a great background colour for high visibility.* Still, there is no reason whatsoever to believe that workers cannot continue to wear typical blue coveralls or coats. In reviewing Part 8 of the BC OH&S Regulation,

there appears to be no need whatsoever to replace blue coveralls because in virtually all cases—a vest (made with an acceptable background colour material) worn over the coveralls will suffice. Where required by clients, those vests will likely have to be of FR material.

We have not heard anything from Oil & Gas companies regarding what further requirements they may have for high-visibility, but there is no reason to think that they would demand across-the-board changes.