

PROFESSIONAL STANDARD – PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT REPORTS

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF STANDARD

The following is proposed by Professional Standards Committee as a performance standard in order to ensure that professional engineers who are qualified persons under O. Regulation 153/04, as amended by O. Reg. 511/09, accurately describe the scope of the environmental site assessment reports they produce.

The Ministry of the Environment has prescribed specific standards for Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment reports which are meant to support the registration of a Record of Site Condition under O. Regulation 153/04. These standards differ from the CSA standards commonly used for environmental site assessments. In order to ensure that those environmental site assessment reports intended for use in Records of Site Condition are prepared in compliance with the Ministry of the Environment's standards, a statement to that effect must be on the signature page. In instances where a Record of Site Condition is not being registered with the Environmental Site Registry, reports may be prepared in accordance with the CSA standards. This standard requires a practitioner who provides a report of this kind to attest that it meets the relevant CSA standard. The practice prescribed by this standard will provide accountability for the work of engineers who write these reports.

The rationale for implementing this standard is to regulate the practice of professional engineers who write these reports. This in turn, provides support for the Ministry of the Environment's Record of Site Condition regulation (O. Regulation 153/04).

2. PROPOSED PRACTICE STANDARD FOR THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT REPORTS

The following is prescribed as a practice standard with respect to the preparation of environmental site assessment reports:

1. The practitioner who prepares an environmental site assessment report in accordance with one of the following standards:
 - a. Environmental Protection Act - O. Reg. 153/04;
 - b. CAN/CSA-Z768-F01 Phase I Environmental Site Assessment; or
 - c. CAN/CSA-Z769-F00 Phase II Environmental Site Assessment.

shall state on the signature page to which standard the report was prepared.

2. If the report does not comply with any of these standards, the practitioner shall provide a statement on the signature page to that effect.