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An electronic newsletter for Island employers on Workers Compensation and Occupational Health and Safety Matters

OH&S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ELECTRICITY REGULATIONS

The Prince Edward Island Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Council invites written comment on the draft proposed amendments to the *Occupational Health and Safety Electricity Regulations*. The proposed amendments to the electricity regulations were drafted taking into consideration current legislation from the Atlantic provinces as well as the need for workplaces to have electricity regulations that meet the requirements of today's workplace. Written comments are asked to be provided to the OHS Advisory Council by **February 17, 2012**. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the proposed electricity regulations please contact:

OHS Advisory Council
Wilma Lewis
PO Box 757
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7L7
Email: wlewis@wcb.pe.ca

WCB WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY CONFERENCE

The PEI Workers Compensation Board has announced the date of their Health and Safety Conference for this year. The event is scheduled for Friday, April 27, 2012, 8:00am - 4:30pm at the Confederation Centre of the Arts in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The Cost for registration is \$125 per person and includes lunch. The Registration deadline is **April 13, 2012**.

The Key Note Speaker for the event is Spencer Beach, author of *In Case of Fire Please Remain Calm Then Slowly Rebuild Your Life*. On a day like any other, while just doing his job, Spencer Beach found himself suddenly engulfed in a flash fire. Within twenty seconds, he received third and fourth degree burns to 90 percent of his body. Experience Spencer's struggle through the fire and for survival, first hand. Learn how simple mistakes can lead to tragic events changing many lives in the process.

To view a list of workshops scheduled during the day or to register online or download a printable registration form visit:

<http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Workplace/OHSConferenceRegistration>

WORKERS COMPENSATION BOARD LEGISLATION CONSULTATION

Every five years, the Workers Compensation Board is required to appoint a Workers Compensation Legislative Review Advisory Committee to ensure the legislation remains responsive to the evolving needs of Island workplaces and balances the interests of workers and employers. As the last review took place in 2007 the WCB has appointed a new Advisory Committee for 2012.

This year's Advisory Committee will be chaired by Douglas Stanley. Mr. Stanley is the former Chief Executive Officer of WorkSafeNB and past Deputy Minister of Labour and Manpower in New Brunswick. WCB Board members Margaret Stewart and Mike Annear, representing Island worker and employer interests respectively, are the other members of the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee invites the public and WCB stakeholders to provide input on the provincial workers compensation system. Feedback on the Workers Compensation Act may be submitted online, by email, or in writing to the Advisory Committee at:

Workers Compensation Legislative
Review Advisory Committee
PO Box 757
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7L7
Email: wcactreview@wcb.pe.ca

The Committee also welcomes the opportunity to meet personally with interested parties.

The most recent review of the Workers Compensation Act was conducted in 2007, and the 2007 report will be the foundation for the current review. In addition to consultation with Island stakeholders, the review will include an analysis of the 2007 report recommendations within the present context to ensure any legislative amendments are well-balanced and relevant.

For more information about the review or to access an online copy of the 2007 report, visit the Legislative Review section of the Workers Compensation Board website at:

<http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Information/LegislativeReview>

Or contact the Workers Compensation Board at 902-368-5680 or 1-800-237-5049.