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

ONLINE EMPLOYER REGISTRATION RENEWAL

The Workers Compensation Board provides 24/7 access to employer account information online and Employers now have the option of renewing their WCB registration electronically. Additional services are planned to be added later in 2012. To sign up online visit the WCB at:

<http://www.wcb.pe.ca/Employers/EServices>

Employers are reminded that the deadline for registration is February 28, 2012.

WORKERS COMPENSATION BOARD POLICY CONSULTATION

The following Workers Compensation Board Policies are up for review:

- POL-69, "Allergies"
- POL-67, "Cardiac And Circulatory Diseases"
- POL-44, "Clothing Allowance"
- POL-63, "First Aid"
- POL-52, "Occupational Health & Safety Orders"
- POL-66, "Respiratory Diseases"
- POL-30, "Orthoses, Prostheses, And Assistive Devices"

The Policies are available online for viewing and commentary on the Policy Consultation section of the WCB website:

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

If you wish to make comments on the Policies you have until January 29 to do so. If you have any questions or comments regarding these you can contact Danny Miller, Policy and Planning Coordinator with the WCB at 902-569-7713.

WORKERS COMPENSATION RELEASES 2012 OPERATIONAL PLAN

Workers Compensation has released their Operational Plan for 2012. This document describes the actions and steps the WCB will take throughout this year, directed toward achieving the goals from their 2007-2012 Strategic Plan. It is available online at:

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

EMPLOYER PENALIZED FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT VIOLATION

On December 20, 2011, the City of Summerside entered a guilty plea to one count of failing to ensure proper instruction and training for health and safety stemming from an incident that occurred in May at Credit Union Place.

On May 4, 2011, a worker at Credit Union Place mixed two chemicals which produced a toxic chlorine gas, necessitating an evacuation of the facility and the worker undergoing medical treatment. As a result of an investigation by WCB staff, it was found that the containers for the chemicals were not sufficiently labeled, appropriate safe work procedures were not in place, and the employer failed to provide adequate training and equipment for safe use of the chemicals. A penalty of \$15,000 was imposed against the City for its violation of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The penalty will be used by the Workers Compensation Board for education and prevention initiatives that promote health and safety in the workplace. Employers are reminded that the WCB has programs and services that they can access to develop safety training and programs and they are encouraged to contact them with any safety questions or concerns at 902-368-5697.