



## Environmental Management Newsletter

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- Indoor Air Quality Assessments
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- Effluent Treatment
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### Recent MOE Initiative - Cooperative Agreements (Enhanced Comprehensive Certificates of Approval)

On April 2, 2002, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (Ministry) posted the Framework for Ontario's Cooperative Agreements on the EBR Registry for a 90 day comment period (to July 1, 2002). The development of a framework document was a recommendation in the Managing the Environment report (January, 2001). The "approved and final" documents are currently being approved by the MOE upper management and posting is expected by the end of September 2002.

The Framework elements include:

- transparency through public involvement and public reporting
- clear accountability, with specific performance-based targets, clear monitoring and reporting requirements, and third-party verification of performance
- continuous improvement through incentives and sanctions

The Framework document consists of 3 major sections; i.e., requirements and commitments, incentives and administration.

#### Requirements and Commitments

##### Entry Requirements

- ✓ Demonstrated record of environmental compliance
- ✓ Ministry-approved environmental management system
- ✓ Emission summary and dispersion modelling report
- ✓ Table 7 of O. Reg. 127/01 ('Record Keeping Parameters for Annual and Smog Season Emissions')

##### Ongoing Commitments

- ✓ Provincial Priority Reduction Plan (must include issue-specific goals and beyond compliance environmental objectives)
- ✓ Communication and outreach
- ✓ Monitoring, reporting and verification (by an independent 3rd party)



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#### Incentives

- ✓ Technical assistance by senior Ministry staff
- ✓ Qualify for a flexible site-wide Certificate of Approval (multi-media)
- ✓ Technology approvals incentives
- ✓ Guaranteed Approval turn around time (45 days or less)
- ✓ Single window access to Ministry
- ✓ Visual representation of participation in a pilot project
- ✓ Internet recognition
- ✓ Public acknowledgement
- ✓ Participation in industry-government round tables (annual discussion forums with the Minister and other Ministry officials on policy development)
- ✓ Participation in phase two development (framework to include additional requirements and incentives)
- ✓ Greater regulatory certainty (consultation and advanced notice)

#### Administration

- ✓ 5 year Agreement and renewable with new targets and incentives
- ✓ Multi stakeholder management committee (advisory role providing recommendations on applications, sanctions and complaints)
- ✓ Sanctions (pilot agreement may be terminated)
- ✓ Probation for environmental problems (reduced access to incentives)
- ✓ Appeals (to management committee)

We invite you to contact our professional staff us to discuss the details associated with this new form of C of A and to determine if it is a benefit relative to your current operations.



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