

**CONTAMINATED SITES REMEDIATION REGULATION**  
**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS**

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**1.0 Introduction**

The purpose of this Information Bulletin is to discuss the reporting requirements and standards specified in the 2014 amendments to the *Contaminated Sites Remediation Regulation, M.R. 105/97 (CSRR)* issued under the *Contaminated Sites Remediation Act, C.C.S.M. c. C205 (CSRA)*.

**2.0 Reporting Standards of the CSRR**

As of April 1, 2014, the CSRA requires that the owner or occupier of a site must notify the Manitoba Sustainable Development (the Department) Director when he or she becomes aware of information indicating that the site has been contaminated at a level that exceeds an applicable standard. The applicable standards noted in the CSRA are listed in the CSRR. These standards are also listed in the attached appendix. The processes for using the standards are described in the documents supporting the standards.

The purpose of reporting standards is to determine if the ESA report must be forwarded to the Department to satisfy the reporting requirements of the CSRA. This differs from the purpose of assessment criteria, which is to determine the significance of contamination discovered by an ESA (see the Department's guideline *Environmental Site Assessments in Manitoba*) and what future action is recommended for the site. Please note that in most cases the assessment criteria developed for a site in an ESA will be the same as the applicable reporting standards for the site.

**3.0 Reports That Were Produced Prior to April 1, 2014**

Persons in possession of ESA reports that were produced prior to April 1, 2014 may be required to submit those reports to the Department, under the following conditions:

- (a) Reports that indicate the presence of contaminant concentrations exceeding the reporting standards and that have not been previously submitted to the Department must now be submitted.
- (b) Only the most recent report for a site is required to be submitted. If further information is needed, it will be requested by the Department. If a report that was previously submitted to the Department, it does not need to be resubmitted.

All reports submitted to the Department shall be submitted to the Contaminated Sites Specialist (see contact information below) for review. All reports should be submitted electronically, when possible.

### **3.0 For more Information**

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**APPENDIX**  
**EXTRACT FROM CONTAMINATED SITES REMEDIATION REGULATION**

**Contamination levels requiring notice to director**

- 1.1(1)** The owner or occupier of a site must notify the director when he or she becomes aware of information indicating that the site has been contaminated at a level that exceeds an applicable standard referred to in this section
- 1.1(2)** For the purpose of clause 3.1(a) of the Act, the following standards are adopted, as amended from time to time:

Primary standards

Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, Canadian Environmental Quality Guidelines, 1999

Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment, Canada-Wide Standards for Petroleum Hydrocarbons (PHC) in Soil, 2008

Health Canada, Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality — Summary Table, 2012

Secondary standard

Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Soil, Ground Water and Sediment Standards for Use under Part XV.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, 2011

Tertiary standard

Government of Alberta, Alberta Tier 1 Soil and Groundwater Remediation Guidelines 2010

- 1.1(3)** The following rules are to be applied to determine which standard set out in subsection (2) is to be used:

Rule 1 If a standard for a contaminant in relation to the applicable site conditions is provided in a primary standard, that is the standard to be used.

Rule 2 If a contaminant is not listed in a primary standard or if none of the primary standards address the applicable site conditions, the secondary standard is to be used if the secondary standard addresses the specific contaminant and the applicable site conditions.

Rule 3 If a contaminant is not listed in the primary or secondary standards or if the primary and secondary standards do not address the applicable site conditions, the tertiary standard is to be used if the tertiary standard addresses the specific contaminant and the applicable site conditions.