

Project Design, Management and Construction

Integrating Designated Substances and Hazardous Materials

Identifying “Designated Substances and Hazardous Materials” prior to starting a project is a requirement of the Ontario *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

What does this mean and what should you be concerned about?

Prior to tendering or initiating any maintenance, renovation, demolition and construction project;

- Ensure that a project-specific designated substances and hazardous materials survey report is prepared to assess all materials and building systems that will be disturbed during the project.
- Generic or historic designated substances and hazardous materials survey reports should not be used as project-specific guidance.
- Using generic or historic designated substances and hazardous materials survey reports will not meet regulatory requirements.
- Review the limitations of all designated substances and hazardous materials survey reports to ensure that information can be used for a specific project.
- Ensure that a designated substances and hazardous materials survey report used for a project contains specific information about the materials to be removed and safety procedures that are required during removal. Specific information in the report should include drawings, plans and specifications, as appropriate, to identify the quantity and location of materials to be removed.

How does this help you?

Having a project-specific designated substances and hazardous materials survey report prepared for all maintenance, renovation, demolition and construction projects is critical to maintain project schedules and project budgets.

For more information, visit <https://www.eaccanada.ca/>

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors for the Environmental Abatement Council of Canada

Please forward to other stakeholders in the project design, management and construction industry.