

Brownsfields Regulation - O. Reg. 153/04 has been Amended

On December 29, 2009, the Ontario government made changes to its brownsfields regulation (O. Reg. 153/04). The amendments filed under O. Reg. 511/09 were posted on the province's e-laws website at:

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/source/regs/english/2009/elaws_src_regs_r09511_e.htm

These amendments have yet to be published in the Ontario *Gazette*.

A majority of the amendments do not come into force until July 1, 2011 so there appears to be sufficient notice for proponents to fully understand the nature of the amendments and react accordingly.

The reforms, which took into account public consultation from the spring of 2007, aims to put more brownsfields into productive use while safeguarding public health and safety.

To better understand the changes, a series of fact sheets have been developed by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment which can be viewed on their website at

<http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/land/brownsfields/amendments.php>