



ANNOUNCEMENT RE NEW WORKING ON ICE PROGRAM

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MANUALS AND ONLINE TRAINING COURSE FOR WORKING SAFELY ON ICE ARE LAUNCHED

Alberta Employment and Immigration has just released a series of resources to keep Albertans who work on ice safe. The resources include:

- A 68-page best practice manual with guidelines for planning, design, construction and use of temporary floating ice bridges, roads and platforms.
- A pocket sized version of the manual made of tear-proof and water-proof paper for field employees; and
- An online, interactive course employers and workers can take to identify the hazards of working on ice, as well as methods for eliminating or controlling those hazards.

Hector Goudreau, Minister of Alberta Employment and Immigration, launched the resources on October 26, 2009 at the Alberta Health & Safety Conference. Minister Goudreau said "This is the first time that all the information needed to plan work on ice has been available in one package."

Developed by experts

The development of the detailed best practices manual was guided by a multi-stakeholder advisory committee that drew on its experience in safety, engineering, construction and maintenance for work on ice covers. The multi-stakeholder committee included representatives from energy, utilities, construction, forestry and provincial and municipal governments.

Over a year ago, Rory Ryder, committee co-chair, contacted Enform to participate on the advisory committee. Lloyd Harman, Enform's VP Safety Services, recognized that direct subject matter expertise was required for committee members to be effective. He contacted PSAC and from there was directed to CAPP, which sourced two company member representatives to participate on the committee on behalf of the oil and gas industry. Enform thanks CAPP for their collaboration on this program and acknowledges the important contributions of Randall Warren, Shell Canada who participated actively on the advisory committee.

Accessing the resources

The best practices manual and electronic course can be accessed online at: www.employment.alberta.ca/icesafety. The manual is ready to be downloaded now. The online course is just being finalized. Enform will send an announcement to oil and gas industry members when the course is available.

Hard copies of the best practices manual and field manual can be ordered by calling the Occupational Health and Safety Contact Centre toll-free at 1-866-415-8690 (in Edmonton and area (780) 415-8690). A total of 500 copies of the printed manual and 2,500 copies of the field manual will be available by the third week of November 2009.

Please direct all enquiries regarding these materials to:

Occupational Health and Safety Contact Centre

Edmonton and area: 780-415-8690

Throughout Alberta: 1-866-415-8690

Deaf or hearing impaired: 1-800-232-7215

Enform encourages all oil and gas industry employers and workers to use these new resources when preparing to and while working on ice. As soon as updated information about the ice safety materials is available, Enform will send another announcement to its oil and gas industry partners.