

Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(R.S.Q., c. Q-2)

Environmental impact assessment and review — Amendments

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1) and with section 124 of the Environment Quality Act, that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting environmental impact assessment and review, the text of which appears below, may be made by the Government upon the expiry of 60 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation is to specify which projects for the treatment of residual hazardous materials intended for elimination shall be subject to the environmental impact assessment and review procedure. All treatment projects would be subject to the procedure, except where residual hazardous materials are treated in the year they are produced on the production site and residual hazardous materials are treated for the purposes of reclamation, re-use or recycling. To that end, it is proposed that the Regulation respecting environmental impact assessment and review be amended to specify that any process by which 50% or more of the mass of residual hazardous materials to be treated results in materials that must be eliminated by final deposit or incineration is considered a treatment for elimination purposes. It is also proposed that any enterprise which treats residual hazardous materials in the year and on the site of production may be exempted from the assessment and review procedure. This would also apply to an enterprise which, in the same field of activity, produces residual hazardous materials on more than one site in Québec and treats the materials produced on one site on another site in the year following production.

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Any interested person having comments to make on the draft Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting environmental impact assessment and review is asked to send them in writing, before the expiry of the 60-day period, to the Minister of the Environment, Édifice Marie-Guyart, 30^e étage, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting environmental impact assessment and review*

Environment Quality Act
(R.S.Q., c. Q-2, s. 31.9, 1st par., subpar. a)

1. The Regulation respecting environmental impact assessment and review is amended in section 2

(1) by adding “or of materials resulting from the treatment of residual hazardous materials” at the end of the first subparagraph of subparagraph *v* of the first paragraph; and

(2) by substituting the following for subparagraph *w* of the first paragraph:

“(w) the installation or use of facilities used in whole or in part for the treatment of residual hazardous materials, within the meaning of section 5 of the Regulation respecting hazardous materials, for the purpose of elimination by final deposit or incineration.

For the purposes of this paragraph, any process through which the equivalent of 50% or more of the mass of residual hazardous materials to be treated results in materials that must be eliminated by final deposit or incineration is considered a treatment for elimination purposes.

This subparagraph does not apply to an enterprise which treats residual hazardous materials produced on its site in the year following their production or to an enterprise which, in the same field of activity, produces residual hazardous materials on more than one site in Québec and which treats the materials produced on one of those sites on another site in the year following their production;”.

2. This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

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* The Regulation respecting environmental impact assessment and review (R.R.Q., 1981, c. Q-2, r. 9) was last amended by the Regulation made by Order in Council 1031-2000 dated 30 August 2000 (2000, *G.O.* 2, 4509). For previous amendments, refer to the *Tableau des modifications et Index sommaire*, Éditeur officiel du Québec, 2000, updated to 1 November 2000.