

(2) to comply with the conditions relating to surplus excavated materials provided for in the third paragraph of section 20;

(3) to comply with any of the standards prescribed by paragraphs 1 to 5 of section 9.2 regarding the installation of a water intake or an outfall referred to therein;

(4) to ensure that the quantity of water taken from the water intake referred to in section 9.4 meets the standards prescribed therein.

The penalty provided for in the first paragraph may also be imposed on any person who uses products and materials referred to in section 23 that do not comply with the safety requirements prescribed therein.

23.5. A monetary administrative penalty of \$1,000 in the case of a natural person or \$5,000 in other cases may be imposed on any person who fails to take any of the steps prescribed by section 9.3 in case of the permanent closing of a temporary industrial camp.”

10. The following is inserted before section 24:

“**CHAPTER VI**
PENAL SANCTIONS”

11. Section 24 is replaced by the following:

“**24.** Every person who contravenes section 18 commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of \$1,000 to \$100,000 or, in other cases, to a fine of \$3,000 to \$600,000.

24.1. Every person who contravenes paragraph 4 of section 9, the third paragraph of section 9.1 or section 19 commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of \$2,000 to \$100,000 or, in other cases, to a fine of \$6,000 to \$600,000.

24.2. Every person who contravenes section 5.2 or 8, paragraph 1, 2 or 3 of section 9, the first or second paragraph of section 9.1, section 16, 17 or 21 commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of \$2,500 to \$250,000 or, in other cases, to a fine of \$7,500 to \$1,500,000.

24.3. Every person who contravenes section 9.2, 9.4, 20 or 23 commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of \$4,000 to \$250,000 or, in other cases, to a fine of \$12,000 to \$1,500,000.

24.4. Every person who contravenes section 9.3 or, pursuant to this Regulation, makes a declaration, communicates information or files a document that is incomplete,

false or misleading commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of \$5,000 to \$500,000 or, despite article 231 of the Code of Penal Procedure (chapter C-25.1), to a maximum term of imprisonment of 18 months, or to both the fine and imprisonment, or, in other cases, to a fine of \$15,000 to \$3,000,000.

24.5. Every person who contravenes any other requirement imposed by this Regulation also commits an offence and is liable, where no other penalty is provided for by this Chapter or the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), to a fine of \$1,000 to \$100,000 in the case of a natural person or, in other cases, to a fine of \$3,000 to \$600,000.”

12. 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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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Application of the Act — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) and section 124 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Environment Quality Act, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 60 days following this publication.

The purpose of the draft Regulation, in accordance with section 61 of the Act to amend the Environment Quality Act in order to reinforce compliance (2011, chapter 20), is to harmonize the penal provisions of the Regulation respecting the application of the Environment Quality Act with those enacted by the Act and determine the provisions of the Regulation that may give rise to a monetary administrative penalty if they are not complied with.

No penal sanction is currently provided directly in the Regulation since section 109 of the Environment Quality Act, which is revoked but the application of which is transitionally maintained in force in accordance with section 61 of the Act to amend the Environment Quality Act in order to reinforce compliance, provides fines in cases of offences to regulations that do not provide any specifically.

The draft Regulation proposes to introduce two new divisions creating monetary administrative penalties and penal sanctions in case of failure to comply with requirements related to the good working order of any equipment used or installed to reduce the emission, deposit, issuance or discharge of contaminants into the environment. The new divisions also provide the monetary administrative penalties and the applicable penalties so that they are in keeping with those referred to in the Environment Quality Act, taking into account the objective seriousness of non-compliance and its potential consequences on human health or the environment. Consequently, the draft Regulation proposes a significant increase in the fines.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Pierre Paquin, regional director, Direction régionale de l'analyse et de l'expertise de l'Estrie et de la Montérégie, Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement, de la Faune et des Parcs, 201, Place Charles-Le Moyne, 2^e étage, Longueuil (Québec) J4K 2T5; telephone: 450 928-7607, extension 225; fax: 450 928-7755; email: pierre.paquin@mddefp.gouv.qc.ca

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 60-day period to Pierre Paquin at the above address.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the application of the Environment Quality Act

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, ss. 115.27 and 115.34)

1. The Regulation respecting the application of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2, r. 3) is amended by adding the following after section 20:

“DIVISION IV MONETARY ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

21. A monetary administrative penalty of \$750 in the case of a natural person or \$3,500 in other cases may be imposed on any person who

(1) uses or installs any equipment referred to in section 12 that is not in good working order;

(2) uses, during production hours, any equipment referred to in section 12 while not functioning optimally.

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22. Every person who contravenes section 12 commits an offence and is liable, in the case of a natural person, to a fine of \$4,000 to \$250,000 or, in other cases, to a fine of \$12,000 to \$1,500,000.”

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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Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Biomedical waste —Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1) and section 124 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), that the Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting biomedical waste, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 60 days following this publication.

The main purpose of the draft Regulation, in accordance with section 61 of the Act to amend the Environment Quality Act in order to reinforce compliance (2011, chapter 20), is to harmonize the penal provisions of the Regulation respecting biomedical waste with those enacted by the Act and determine the provisions of the Regulation that may give rise to a monetary administrative penalty if they are not complied with.

The draft Regulation proposes to amend the penal provisions provided for in the current Regulation and add monetary administrative penalties. It also provides amounts for the monetary administrative penalties and penalties in the event of contravention of provisions of the Regulation so that they are in keeping with those referred to in the Environment Quality Act, taking into account the objective seriousness of non-compliance and its potential consequences on human health or the environment. Consequently, the draft Regulation proposes a significant increase in all the maximum fines, an adjustment of all the minimum fines and, for certain offences considered to be more serious, terms of imprisonment.