

## Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act  
(chapter Q-2)

### Clean air — Amendment

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (chapter R-18.1), that the Regulation to amend the Clean Air Regulation, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the current daily standard with respect to nickel provided for in the Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1) and adds an annual standard.

The draft Regulation reduces the economic uncertainty associated with the application of the current standard while maintaining the protection of public health and the environment.

The amendments introduced by the draft Regulation have a positive impact on enterprises, that will have more leeway with regard to production due to the addition of an annual standard. They do not result in new administrative formalities or additional costs for enterprises. As concerns the impacts on the public, the regulatory amendments make it possible to prevent and limit the impacts on public health to a level that is qualified as acceptable under the Québec air quality standards and criteria.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting François Houde, Director General, Direction générale du suivi de l'état de l'environnement, Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, édifice Marie-Guyart, 7<sup>e</sup> étage, boîte 22, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; telephone: 418 521-3820, extension 4743; email: Francois.Houde@environnement.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to François Houde using the above contact information.

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## Regulation to amend the Clean Air Regulation

Environment Quality Act  
(chapter Q-2, s. 95.1)

**1.** The Clean Air Regulation (chapter Q-2, r. 4.1) is amended in Schedule G by replacing the line

“Nickel compound (measured in PM <sub>10</sub> ) <sup>2</sup> ”	7440-02-0	0.014	0.002	24 hours”
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by the following lines:

“Nickel compounds (expressed as Ni, measured in PM <sub>10</sub> ) <sup>2</sup> ”	7440-02-0	0.07	0.005	24 hours
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Nickel compounds (expressed as Ni, measured in PM <sub>10</sub> ) <sup>2</sup> ”	7440-02-0	0.02	0.002	1 year”.
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**2.** Schedule K is amended by replacing the line

“Nickel compounds (measured in PM <sub>10</sub> ) <sup>2</sup> ”	7440-02-0	0.014	0.002	24 hours”
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**3.** 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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