

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to the Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity, 425, rue Jacques-Parizeau, 4^e étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4Z1; email: ministre@mtess.gouv.qc.ca.

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Minister of Labour, Employment and Social Solidarity

Regulation to amend the Levy Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'entretien d'édifices publics, région de Montréal

Act respecting collective agreement decrees (chapter D-2, s. 22, 2nd par., subpar. i)

1. The Levy Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'entretien d'édifices publics, région de Montréal¹ is amended in section 5 by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“The levy and the contribution to the group retirement plan must be paid separately.”.

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

Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01)

Act to amend the Act respecting energy efficiency and energy conservation standards for certain electrical or hydrocarbon-fuelled appliances (2021, chapter 28)

Quantity of renewable natural gas to be delivered by a distributor — 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 Regulation respecting

the quantity of renewable natural gas to be delivered by a distributor, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation specifies the materials, sources of energy and manufacturing processes required in order that the natural gas or hydrogen from renewable sources that is added to natural gas constitutes gas from renewable sources.

The draft Regulation also increases the minimum quantity of gas from renewable sources that must be delivered annually by a distributor and determines the terms and conditions according to which the quantity of delivered hydrogen from renewable sources is computed. The draft Regulation also provides that gas from renewable sources must be delivered for final consumption in the territory for which a distributor obtained exclusive distribution rights.

Study of the matter shows no negative impact on small and medium-sized businesses specifically, but it is estimated that there will be additional costs for natural gas distributors and consumers, and that those extra costs could constrain the competitiveness of enterprises.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Xavier Brosseau, Director, provisioning and biofuel, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles, 5700, 4^e Avenue Ouest, bureau A-422, Québec (Québec) G1H 6R1; telephone: 418 627-6385, extension 708351; email: xavier.brosseau@mern.gouv.qc.ca.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft Regulation is requested to submit written comments within the 45-day period to Dominique Deschênes, Associate Deputy Minister for Innovation and Energy Transition, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Ressources naturelles, 1300, rue du Blizzard, bureau 200, Québec (Québec) G2K 0G9.

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¹ The Levy Regulation of the Comité paritaire de l'entretien d'édifices publics, région de Montréal was approved by Order in Council 2626-85 dated 11 December 1985 (1985, *G.O.* 2, 4379) and was amended by Orders in Council 673-2001 dated 30 May 2001 (2001, *G.O.* 2, 2653) and 1025-2011 dated 28 September 2011 (2011, *G.O.* 2, 2955).

Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the quantity of renewable natural gas to be delivered by a distributor

Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (chapter R-6.01, s. 112, 1st par., subpars. 4 and 5; 2021, chapter 28, s. 8, par. 1)

1. The Regulation respecting the quantity of renewable natural gas to be delivered by a distributor (chapter R-6.01, r. 4.3) is amended in the title by replacing “renewable natural gas” by “gas from renewable sources”.

2. The following is inserted before section 1:

“**0.1.** For the purposes of the Act respecting the Régie de l'énergie (*chapter R-6.01*) and this Regulation, natural gas is from renewable sources if it is produced

(1) from non-fossil organic materials degraded by means of biological processes, in particular by anaerobic digestion, or by means of thermochemical processes, in particular by gasification;

(2) from hydrogen produced in accordance with the second paragraph and from non-fossil carbon monoxide or carbon dioxide.

Another substance added to natural gas is from renewable sources if it is hydrogen that is produced

(1) from non-fossil organic materials degraded by means of thermochemical processes, in particular by gasification;

(2) by the electrolysis of water using electricity that comes exclusively from sources of renewable energy; or

(3) during an industrial process, the purpose of which is not to obtain the hydrogen and that is powered by energy that comes exclusively from renewable sources.”

3. Section 1 is amended

(1) in the first paragraph

(a) by inserting “, for final consumption in the territory for which the distributor obtained exclusive distribution rights,” after “annually”;

(b) by replacing “renewable natural gas” by “gas from renewable sources”;

(2) in the second paragraph

(a) by adding the following at the end of subparagraph 1:

“(d) a rate of 0.07 as of the distributor’s rate year beginning in 2028; and

(e) a rate of 0.1 as of the distributor’s rate year beginning in 2030.”;

(b) by striking out “, subtracted from any quantity of renewable natural gas” in subparagraphs 2, 3 and 4;

(3) by adding the following paragraph at the end:

“Where the gas from renewable sources delivered by a distributor is hydrogen produced in accordance with the second paragraph of section 0.1, only 33 1/3% of that hydrogen may be computed in the calculation of total deliveries represented by the variables LRA3, LRA2 and LPA1, and in the calculation of the quantity of gas from renewable sources that the distributor delivers to meet its requirement provided for in this section.”

4. This Regulation comes into force on 1 January 2023.

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Draft Regulation

Act respecting threatened or vulnerable species (chapter E-12.01)

Threatened or vulnerable plant species and their habitats

— 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 Regulation respecting threatened or vulnerable plant species and their habitats, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation designates, in addition to the 57 existing threatened plant species, 8 new threatened species. The draft Regulation also designates, in addition to the 21 existing vulnerable plant species, 3 new vulnerable plant species. It withdraws the threatened species status of 3 species. It revises from threatened to vulnerable the status of 3 species. It also revises the non-enclature of several threatened and vulnerable species.

The draft Regulation has an impact on enterprises that carry on activities on a lot where a designated threatened or vulnerable plant species is located. The prohibitions related to designated threatened or vulnerable plant