

Draft Regulation

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

Activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas

— 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 activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas, appearing below, may be made by the Government on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation amends the Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas, made by Order in Council 721-2025 dated 11 June 2025, to limit the use of explosives when work is carried out in wetlands and bodies of water exclusively in the cases where there are no other possible means of carrying out the work.

The draft Regulation specifies that, when restoration is required, revegetation of wetlands and bodies of water must also be carried out in dewatered zones and the survival rate of sphagnum, if applicable, must be 80% in the third year following revegetation.

Further information on the draft Regulation may be obtained by contacting Maude Durand, Director, Bureau de stratégie législative et réglementaire, Ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs, 675, boulevard René-Lévesque Est, 29^e étage, boîte 14, Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7; email: question.bslr@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 Maude Durand at the above contact information.

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Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2, s. 46.0.22, pars. 10 and 12).

1. The Regulation respecting activities in wetlands, bodies of water and sensitive areas, made by Order in Council 721-2025 dated 11 June 2025, is amended in section 9 by adding the following at the end:

“(3) explosives may be used only when the work requires it and there are no other means of carrying out the work.”.

2. Section 14 is amended by striking out “in the dewatered zone,” in subparagraph *b* of subparagraph 4 of the first paragraph.

3. Section 16 is amended by inserting “, or in the third year in the case of sphagnum” after “revegetation” in paragraph 2.

4. This Regulation comes into force on (*insert the date that is 15 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*), except section 2, which comes into force on (*insert the date that is 180 days after the date of publication of this Regulation in the Gazette officielle du Québec*).

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