



November 4, 2014

**ONTARIO MINISTRY OF LABOUR (MOL)**

**1) MOL REGULATORY CONSULTATION**

**2) MOL SEMI-ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

BCA of Ontario Contractor:

The Ministry of Labour is proposing to strengthen health and safety protection for Ontario's construction workers under the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA).

The ministry has developed three regulatory consultation proposals for public review. The purpose of the consultation proposals is to describe the ministry's proposed policy direction and invite comments from the public and stakeholders. **The comment period is from October 28 ending on December 29, 2014.**

The proposals can be accessed at the following link on the Ministry website:

[http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/about/con\\_calendar.php](http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/about/con_calendar.php)

**1) Foundation Drill Rigs**

The ministry is proposing to add new requirements to the Construction Projects Regulation (O. Reg. 213/91) to enhance health and safety protection of workers during the operation of rotary foundation drill rigs.

**2) Occupational Health Protection for Construction Workers**

The ministry is proposing three key regulatory changes to improve worker protection from hazardous exposures to:

- 1) noise;
- 2) biological and chemical agents;
- 3) carbon monoxide released from internal combustion engines.

**3) Miscellaneous amendments to the Construction Projects Regulation**

The ministry is proposing to make miscellaneous amendments to the Construction Projects Regulation to correct errors, omissions, and inconsistencies and update outdated references in the Regulation.

- 4) The ministry is consulting on the extension of noise protection requirements to workplaces not covered by current noise requirements under the Occupational Health and Safety Act regulations.

## ***MOL Semi-Annual Stakeholder Meeting***

On behalf of the Ministry of Labour, you are invited to a NEW forum where you will have the opportunity to discuss employment standards and occupational health and safety topics directly with senior ministry executives. We are looking forward to this event and hope that you can join us as we seek ways to advance safe, fair and harmonious workplace practices in Ontario.

### ***Why you should attend***

The ministry is bringing together employer and labour groups to exchange views and discuss the key challenges that we face together. The day will consist of updates on the latest ministry developments with a question and answer period, an overview of MOL's strategic priorities over the next 6-12 months and break out discussions.

This is your opportunity to:

- Learn about new ministry initiatives and programs;
- Engage in constructive dialogue with advocacy groups, the employer community and the ministry on workplace related topics that impact you; and
- Bring your priorities directly to senior ministry executives.

### ***Who should participate?***

If a major part of your responsibilities involves occupational health and safety and employment standards, whether you are an employer or employee representative, this should be of interest to you. Attendees will be engaging in strategic level dialogue with each other and the ministry.

### ***How you can participate (in person or webcast)***

Please RSVP to [MOLEngagement@ontario.ca](mailto:MOLEngagement@ontario.ca) by **November 12, 2014** to ensure your participation.  
**OR** If you would like to participate via live webcast (limited availability).

### ***Details***

Date: November 20, 2014 (8:30am-12:00pm)

Location: Toronto Congress Centre, 650 Dixon Rd, Toronto, ON M9W 1J1 (Pinsent Room)

8:30am-8:50am	Welcome and Opening Remarks
8:50am-9:50am	MOL Information Update/Strategic Priorities and Discussion
9:50am-10:05am	Break
10:05am-10:35am	MOL Information Update/Strategic Priorities and Discussion cont'd
	Private Sessions
10:35am –11:35am	General Discussion/Q&A (Room1: Employer; Room 2: Worker/Labour) – <i>webcast not available</i>
11:35am-12:00pm	Closing Remarks