Storage Tanks in Canada
The Guide to Environmental Regulation and Compliance

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If you install, own, operate, monitor, manage or decommission storage tanks, Canada’s only management handbook dedicated to underground and aboveground tank compliance is your best due diligence insurance policy!

The facts of the matter are ...

☆ Storage tanks are everywhere. They can be found underground at virtually every corner gas station in Canada. They can be found in our homes and in the basements of office and apartment buildings. They are on almost every industrial site, storing almost every type of liquid – from waste liquids to automotive recyclables to PCBs.

☆ If you (or your company or client) own, operate or are responsible for a non-compliant storage tank, you also own a potential problem. A single failure in the installation, operation, maintenance or decommissioning of any storage tank can produce serious contamination of soil and groundwater in a matter of seconds.

☆ Owners and operators of underground and aboveground storage tanks, as well as property owners, have certain responsibilities under Canadian laws should a tank leak and contaminate the environment.

☆ All those responsible for the handling or storing of liquid contaminants must report spills, overfills, leaks or even the discovery of historic contamination to regulatory officials, and take corrective action to prevent further harm and remediate the site.

☆ In such circumstances, ministry inspectors regard full compliance with all of today’s rules, regulations, standards and guidelines a fundamental duty – for you, your company as well as its owners, managers, and supervisors.

☆ The penalties for non-compliance can run into the many thousands of dollars. New laws (such as Ontario’s Bill 133) mean that spills, leaks and other failures can result in immediate penalties as well as further action through the courts.

A conviction on first offence for a corporation holds a maximum $6 million fine and on subsequent offences a max of $10 million. (EPA s.187). Individual company owners, directors, officers and managers can face similarly harsh fines, and, in extreme cases, even imprisonment.

☆ Even when the industry leaves and the site is redeveloped, the tanks can still pose complicated decommissioning, remediation and liability problems.

☆ With serious financial and legal consequences applying to both corporations and individuals who fail to keep up with the technical and legal issues of tank management – and with the contamination of a community’s soil and groundwater supplies a possible outcome of any tank failure – compliance in this sensitive area is not a luxury, it’s a duty.

Your one-stop solution is ...

☆ STORAGE TANKS IN CANADA – is Canada’s only information source solely dedicated to helping you ensure that your organization will meet the test of storage tank compliance.

☆ Written by Doug Petrie, a Certified Environmental Law Specialist and Partner at Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP, STORAGE TANKS IN CANADA draws together all the information you need to understand your obligations and to ensure you know what to do to maintain compliance.
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CCME : National Fire Protection Association; and National Research Council of Canada

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