

AUGUST 2023 MONTH IN REVIEW

Saskatchewan

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Workers Comp

July 10: A new [fact sheet](#) explains the rules governing Medical Review Panels, or panels of healthcare providers that injured workers or their dependents can call for to question the Saskatchewan WCB's medical findings in relation to their work injury or illness claims.

Environmental

Jun 27: Saskatchewan's oil and gas industry cut its greenhouse gas emissions for the third year in a row, the provincial government [reported](#). In 2022, emissions from venting and flaring at upstream oil facilities fell to 3.9 megatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, 64% less than the 7.0 megatonnes emitted in 2015.

CASES

Industry Challenges: OHS Training Violation Costs Drilling Company \$150,000

An oilfield worker suffered serious injuries while trying to diagnose a hydraulic line leaking hydraulic oil. The drilling company pled guilty to failing to ensure the worker received information, instruction, training and supervision necessary to perform the job safely, and was fined \$150,000 [*Horizontal Drilling*, [Govt. Press Release](#), June 23, 2023].

Fall Protection: Pharmacy Fined \$16,100 for Handrail Violation

An online specialty pharmacy company received a \$16,100 OHS fine after pleading guilty to failing to ensure that a stairway with 5 or more treads was equipped with a

handrail. The charge was the result of an incident in which a worker fell and suffered injuries while going down a staircase [*Rubicon Health Solutions*, [Govt. Press Release](#), June 26, 2023].

Action Point: Use the [OHSI Fall Protection Compliance Game Plan](#) to avoid similar violations at your site