

New Brunswick

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Incident Reporting

Sep 9: WorkSafeNB began review of [Policy 21-106](#) governing how and when employers report workplace accidents and workers and survivors apply for workers' comp benefits after accidents resulting in injury or death. Among other things, the agency is focusing on how the date of accident for various types of claims is determined. Deadline [to comment](#): October 9.

Action Point: Use the [OHS Insider policy template](#) to create a legally sound incident investigation and reporting policy for your workplace.

Industry Challenges

Sep 2: After detecting the aquatic animal diseases MSX and Dermo in local oyster samples, the federal government declared the waters of eastern Canada including New Brunswick subject to the Domestic Movement Control Program permitting rules. **Result:** Oysters grown to commercial size and processed for human consumption may still be exported and sold but oysters not ready for the commercial market and still growing may not be moved outside the declared areas.

JHSCs

Aug 30: WorkSafeNB published a [new chart](#) visually summarizing the OHS rules for establishing workplace JHSCs at construction sites, including small, medium, and large projects.

Workers' Comp

Oct 9: October 9th is the deadline [to comment](#) on [proposed changes](#) to WorkSafeNB's work-related mental stress coverage rules (Policy 21-103 Conditions for Entitlement – Traumatic Mental Stress). Key issues: criteria for accepting traumatic psychological injury claims, what constitutes a traumatic event, and when does the PTSD coverage presumption apply.

Action Point: Find out about [workers' comp coverage](#) of PTSD and mental stress.

Environmental

Oct 16: October 16th is the deadline to complete an [online survey](#) providing input on the question of what, if anything, New Brunswick should do to update its *Clean Air Act*. The government will issue a What We Heard Report summarizing the survey results in December or January.