Prince Edward Island

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lockout Tagout

Aug 14: A new PEI WCB <u>Hazard Alert</u> warns of the dangers of cardboard baler machines used to compress cardboard into compact bales. The Alert comes a month after a worker suffered amputating injuries to both legs while trying to release a jam in the feed chute of a baler that should have been but wasn't deenergized.

Action Point: Find out how to prevent amputations and other gruesome machine injuries by implementing a legally sound <u>Lockout and Hazardous Energy Control Compliance Game Plan</u> at your site.

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 PEI to be under the Domestic Movement Control Program permitting rules. **Result:** Oysters that have been 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.

New Laws

Aug 29: PEI will get over \$18.75 million from the Canada Community-Building Fund in the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The money will be directed to 57 communities across the province to support local housing and strategic infrastructure development projects across a broad range of categories.

New Laws

Sep 1: PEI added 18 new cancer medications and expanded indications to its Provincial Pharmacare Formulary and Health PEI's Cancer Treatment Centre Formulary in early September. The new medications assist in treating 6 different types of cancer as well as cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, skin disorders, and other illnesses.

Workplace Violence

Sep 24: September 24th is the deadline for PEI organizations <u>to apply</u> for Gender, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Community Enhancement Program grants to support projects to prevent gender-based violence prevention and promote community DEI events and celebrations across the Island.

Action Point: Find out how to implement an effective <u>domestic violence prevention</u> <u>and response policy</u> at your workplace.

Environmental

Sep 5: If you haven't yet applied for the provincial Solar Electric Rebate, don't bother. PEI paused the program for the rest of the fiscal year due to high demand. Companies with an existing pre-approval letter can proceed with their installations, and any applications received by September 5 will be processed normally. The province has approved over \$4 million in rebates this year.