
Environmental Protection

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Overview

British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) aims to conduct all activities in a manner that demonstrates accountability and promotes responsible stewardship of the environment.

To this end, BCIT maintains an environmental protection program, applying to all BCIT campuses.

The program:

- Promotes a consistent response, and demonstrates responsibility and due diligence concerning environmental issues
- Mandates the provision of a clean, healthy and sustainable environment for all employees and students
- Requires that prompt actions are taken to identify and remediate environmental risks

Objectives

This procedure is associated with Policy 7150, Occupational Health and Safety.

The objectives of this procedure are to:

- Define the roles and responsibilities within the BCIT community for establishing and maintaining an effective Environmental Protection Program
- Inform the BCIT community about applicable regulations and legislative standards
- Provide a platform for communication and education about environmental issues

Who This Procedure Applies To

This procedure applies to all members of the BCIT community, including all BCIT employees, students, contractors, and visitors.

Related Documents and Legislation

Government of Canada:

Environmental Protection Act (and all associated regulations)

Hazardous Products Act (and all associated regulations)

Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act (and all associated regulations)

Province of British Columbia:

Environmental Management Act (and all associated regulations)

BCIT Procedures:

Hazardous Waste Management

BCIT Safety Manual – Part 6 Section 95

Environmental Reporting
BCIT Safety Manual – Part 6 Section 96

Definitions**Effluent**

A substance introduced into water or onto land.

Environment

Air, land, water.

Waste

- air contaminants
- litter
- effluent
- refuse
- biomedical waste
- hazardous waste
- any other substance prescribed by regulation

Duties and Responsibilities**BCIT Community**

All members of the BCIT community are responsible for conducting activities in a manner that demonstrates responsible environmental management. All employees, students, contractors, and visitors can actively participate by following BCIT procedures and applicable regulations.

Environmental Protection Committee

The BCIT Environmental Protection Committee meets annually and is established to advise on, monitor, and oversee matters related to environmental protection at BCIT.

Facilities Maintenance

BCIT Facilities Maintenance is responsible for the appropriate disposal of all effluent and air contaminants created from utilities and processes under their charge.

Schools/Programs

BCIT Schools and Programs are responsible for the appropriate disposal of all effluent and air contaminants created from processes under their charge.

BCIT Safety, Security and Emergency Management Department (SSEM)

The BCIT SSEM is responsible for:

- Implementing the BCIT Environmental Protection Program
- Responding to, and coordinating response to, any environmental emergencies or other environmental concerns at BCIT
- Completing reports to legislative bodies as required

Supply Management

BCIT Supply Management is responsible for the appropriate handling, transportation, and disposal of all waste and recyclable materials taken off site.

Amendment History

1. Created 2019 MMM DD Created as Procedure 7150-PR3.

Procedure 7100-PR7, Environmental Protection, has been retired as a procedure under Policy 7100, and replaced by this procedure under Policy 7150, Occupational Health and Safety. Following is the amendment history of the replaced procedure.

1. Created 2012 Mar 30
2. Retired 2019 MMM DD

In 2012, Policy 7519, Environmental Protection, was retired as a separate policy, and replaced by this procedure under Policy 7100, Safety and Security. Following is the amendment history of the replaced policy.

1. Created 1993 May 12 Created as Policy 7519
2. Revision 1 2004 Sep 13
3. Revision 2 2004 Sep 28
4. Revision 3 2005 Sep 26
5. Revision 4 2009 Jul 21
6. Revision 5 2010 Aug 06
7. Retired 2012 Mar 30