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## Pre-Development Review Requirements Change (Again)

In late 1997, the Ministry of Labour amended Section 7 of the Industrial Establishments Regulation. The changes required owners to conduct what has come to be called a "Pre-Development Review prior to constructing, reconstructing, developing, installing or altering a machine, device, equipment or process.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000, further amendments to Section 7 were announced in the Ontario Gazette. Here's a synopsis of the changes:

**Name:** Section 7 will now refer to a "Pre-start Health and Safety Review" (PHSR).

**Required When:** A PHSR will be required before constructing, adding, modifying, installing, or using any of the following in a "factory": (i) a process involving risk of ignition or explosion; (ii) a dust collector involving risk of ignition or explosion; (iii) a process that uses or produces a substance that may result in worker overexposure to a chemical; (iv) a process involves handling molten aluminum or steel; (v) a building, room or area for dispensing or storing flammable liquids; (vi) a structure that is to be used as a rack or for stacking; (vii) a lifting device or travelling crane; (viii) an automotive hoist; (ix) any equipment, machine or device; (x) any safeguarding device or protective element.

**Drawings:** The regulatory requirement for drawings will reportedly be eliminated.

**Exemptions:** A general exemption is provided for, along with a variety of situation-specific exemptions.

**Report:** The report will no longer need to state that the equipment, machine, or device will comply with the Act and Regulations. Instead, the report must outline the measures and testing required for compliance and to protect health and safety on an interim basis.

**Who Does It?:** A P.Eng. is still required to review and stamp the majority of PHSR reports. The review of "process that use or produce a substance that may result in worker overexposure to a chemical", however, may be performed by a P.Eng, CIH or ROH.

To view the regulatory text for Section 7, go to the Ontario Gazette web site at [http://www.ontariogazette.gov.on.ca/mbs/gazette/gazette.nsf/Maj\\_n/BE328A8AADC6361B8525697000558B12/\\$FILE/gaza41.pdf](http://www.ontariogazette.gov.on.ca/mbs/gazette/gazette.nsf/Maj_n/BE328A8AADC6361B8525697000558B12/$FILE/gaza41.pdf), or click on the link on the home page of our web site at <http://www.rea.ca>.

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