

Dear IPE Members:

I have been informed that we may take part in consultation on Alternative Safety Approaches with the B.C. Safety Authority over the summer. Here is a section of the email I received:

The Province of British Columbia has recently passed various changes to the *BC Safety Standards Act*. The changes introduce Alternative Safety Approaches wherein an owner or operator may choose to operate a facility with a Safety Management Plan that is consistent with the objectives of the *Safety Standards Act* in place of complying with the prescriptive requirements in the regulations.

This optional approach provides stakeholders with the opportunity to design and operate facilities that are both safe and viable. Safety Management Plans will initially be introduced in the bioenergy sector with wider application considered over time.

You and your colleagues are invited to attend a consultation session in your area on how Alternative Safety Approaches would best work in your industry. Please read the attached [announcement](#) and the [discussion paper](#) for details.

Updates will be posted on the BC Safety Authority website at [www.safetyauthority.ca/se\\_asa](http://www.safetyauthority.ca/se_asa)

If you would like to attend a consultation session, kindly RSVP to Jim Allaway, Leader, Stakeholder Engagement Programs at [Jim.Allaway@safetyauthority.ca](mailto:Jim.Allaway@safetyauthority.ca) or 778-396-2129.

If you are unable to attend a consultation session, your written comments are greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact Jim if you have any questions.

Please review the material at the links above and let me know what you think. I will keep you informed as we go through the consultation process.

Thanks,

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