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The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) is aware that there is a requirement for clarification regarding who is qualified to submit environmental assessment reports.

Under certain provisions contained in the Environmental Management Protocol, the Liquid Fuels Handling Code and the Fuel Oil Code, TSSA requires that environmental assessments be submitted for review. Specifically, if a spill, leak or discovery of contamination is suspected or confirmed, an environmental report is required to identify contamination issues.

The Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario and the Geoscientists Act, 2000, regards the completion of assessments for petroleum impacts in the soil and groundwater as the regulated practice of geoscience. This Act requires that all persons practicing in this area be licensed Professional Geoscientists or Professional Engineers.

The Ministry of Environment has recently introduced legislation also specifying requirements for persons filing a record of site condition and conducting environmental site assessments. A qualified person (QP) for the purposes of conducting or supervising a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment must be a Professional Engineer, Professional Geoscientist, Professional Agrologist or Chartered Chemist.

TSSA requires that the person completing an environmental assessment required by the Technical Standards and Safety Act be the appropriate QP as follows:

- Professional Engineer;
- Professional Geoscientist;
- Professional Agrologist; or
- Chartered Chemist.