

May 23, 2003

Ms. Anne Burch, Director, Policy Review Division  
Worksafe, B.C.

Re: changes to the traffic control training requirements;

Dear Ms. Burch,

The Emil Anderson Group of Companies strongly oppose the change being made from High Hazard and Low Hazard to one which only has certified training for all flag persons. This puts all flagging in the High Hazard status and that is far from reality.

We were and are very much in favor of the new direction taken a couple of years back that saw traffic control persons getting the training and certification for work on the roadways of B.C.

However we are also in the home building industry and as an example if we get a load of lumber delivered to our building site and we are required to have a worker stop the traffic on the street to allow the truck to back into the lot, that does not require the services of a fully qualified TCP.

This is one example of many that indicate that the employer in these type of cases can give adequate instruction to a worker in order to carry out this task in a safe and proper manner.

We strongly urge WORKSAFE BC to reconsider this pending decision. The desire of the firms wanting to regulate and provide the TCP training should not be considered as the only opinion into this matter.

Thank you for your consideration into this matter.

Yours truly,

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