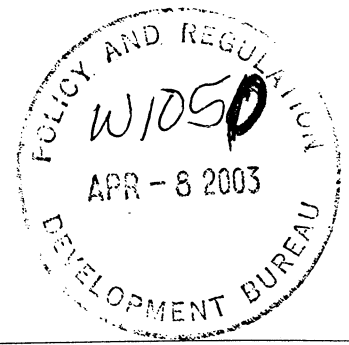




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Attention: Mr. David Young, Policy Director

Re: Regulation Changes

Dear Mr. Young,

The Vancouver Island Construction Association represents approximately 400 companies operating in the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional sector of the Construction Industry in our area.

We are writing to express our support of your current initiative to review WCB regulations. Reducing regulation and red tape is very important to our industry. Construction companies are typically small businesses and staying abreast of all the regulations impacting their work is a significant task. Our members are very pleased to see the necessary steps towards reform being taken.

Specifically, we are strongly supportive of eliminating unnecessary duplication within the regulations. Certainly this is a first step toward streamlining the existing requirements. We would recommend further work in this area in order to improve the clarity of the regulations.

As well, we would strongly support the move towards performance-based regulation. Our members would welcome a more flexible system that would make allowances for the many different environments and situations that arise within the construction industry.


Finally we support recommendations being put forward by the Council of Construction Associations (COCA) with regard to the use of standards developed by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists and the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

The construction industry brings considerable investment into this province every year and we appreciate your efforts to develop a balanced regulatory environment.

Best regards,

Brenda Hardy
President

cc. Honourable Graham Bruce

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