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Part 4: General Conditions, relating to fills, stockpiles, terrain stability and avalanche assessments

1. Name: Larry Stanier

(a) Feedback is provided: on own behalf

Organization: Job Title:

(b) Feedback is provided: from a worker's perspective

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Comments:I have worked in the snow avalanche industry in BC for 26 seasons. I have worked in ski areas, ski guiding, consulting to forestry and mining,avalanche forecaster for highways and as an instructor for the Canadian Avalanche association, the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides and as an inspector for Helicat Canada. I have also done avalanche related work in Japan, Switzerland, France, Italy and New Zealand.

I appreciate the intentions of your proposal. However, it seems a significant error is being made by not using the expertise of the avalanche industry to make hazard assessments. Certainly a geoscientist with EXTENSIVE avalanche work experience would have a valuable opinion. However, these people are very few and far between. The opinion of a geoscientist who really doesn't understand the nature of a very complex phenomena could be simplistic, obstructive or even potentially dangerous.

I agree strongly that the Canadian avalanche industry needs to do a better job of regulating and managing itself. Bringing in another industry that is well regulated and well managed but lacks critical experience seems a very unhealthy solution to me.

Please realize that Canada has one of the healthiest and most respected avalanche industries in the world. The Canadian Avalanche Associations training schools are simply the best in the world. The CAA's observation guidelines and recording standards are the world standard. No where in the world are ski guides moving as many people safely through wilderness avalanche terrain on a daily basis as in British Columbia. Please do not ignore this wealth of world class expertise.

Thank You for your time,

Larry Stanier

4. Please indicate your level of support of the proposed amendments:generally disagree

5. If you agree or disagree with the proposed amendments, please provide reason(s):

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Comments:See above comments