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Submission ID: P09.NW6.G62.C5Q

Part 3: Rights and Responsibilities, relating to occupational first aid

1. Name: Dave West

(a) Feedback is provided: on behalf of

Organization: Vertical Systems International Inc Job Title: Operations Manager

(b) Feedback is provided: from an employer's perspective

2. E-mail:

3. Feedback:

Section #:3.15 (d) meets any other requirements determined by the Board for designation as a first aid attendant.

Comments:Can this be an advanced wilderness first aid attendant? If so would we state this is an explanation guide?

The reason I ask this is because we (VSI) provide a helicopter Long Line Rescue Team and Mountain Rescue team service, since most of our work is in remote mountainous wilderness settings and since the OFA level 3 course is taught mainly in a classroom setting we feel that the OFA 3 certification is not necessarily appropriate for emergency care in a wilderness setting and therefore we do not use this certification, we use an 80 hour advanced wilderness first aid course as recommended by the association of Canadian Mountain guides and other outdoor operations.

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

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

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Comments:I feel that the definition of a first aid attendant is fine, however not perfect and that it is time the province recognizes the need for a wilderness emergency care equivalency.