

# **The Canadian Environmental Auditing Association**

## **Proposed Health and Safety Auditor Certification**

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# CEAA Organization

- **Non-profit organization, founded in 1991 and incorporated in 1994.**
- **2 professional staff**
- **21 member voluntary Board of Directors, elected by the membership**



# CEAA Mission

- **To encourage the development of the discipline environmental auditing and the improvement of environmental management of Canadian private and public organizations through an auditor certification process and the application of environmental auditing ethics, principles and standards.**



# CEAA Membership

- **Membership based organization (500 +; 65% consultants, 25% industry, 10% other)**
- **Certified members**
- **Non-certified members**
  - **Regular members**
  - **Provisional Environmental Auditors (PEA)**
  - **Student members**
  - **Corporate Members**



# Membership Services

- **CEAA Website**
  - <http://www.ceaa-acve.ca>
- **Quarterly newsletter “Auditorial”**
- **Annual General Meeting and Technical Conference**
- **Certification**



# Certified Auditor Designations

- **Current CEAA certification programs lead to four possible designations:**
  - **Certified Environmental Auditor (CEA)**
  - **Certified Environmental Sustainable Forest Management Auditor [CEA(SFM)]**
  - **Environmental Management System Auditor [EMS(A)]**
  - **Environmental Management System Lead Auditor [EMS(LA)]**



# CEAA Certified Auditors

- **As of June 30, 2001:**
  - **224 (~43% of membership) individuals certified with the following designations:**
    - 179 CEA
    - 20 CEA(SFM)
    - 54 EMS(LA)
    - 21 EMS(A)
  - **CEAA registry is:**
    - Updated quarterly and Published annually
    - Available on request
    - On CEAA website



# Impact of CEAA Designations

- **Sole organization accredited by Standards Council of Canada as a certifying body for environmental management system auditors to ISO 14000 standard.**
- **SCC accreditation provides international recognition of CEAA as a certifying body.**
- **Lead environmental auditor certification body in Canada.**
- **CEAA certification provides international recognition of achievement, experience and knowledge.**





# **CEAA – Proposed Health and Safety Auditor Certification Program**

- **CEAA believes there is a potential demand for certification services in the Health and Safety area:**
  - **OHSAS 18001/ILO/AIHA Z10**
  - **Company integration of QEH&S Management Systems**
  - **Support from Health and Safety Professional Organizations**



# **CEAA – Proposed Health and Safety Auditor Certification Program**

- **CEAA believes it is the right organization to provide this service**
  - **Auditing skills are common**
  - **CEAA already has rigorous certification process in place**
    - **Application Review Panel**
    - **Examination Panel**
    - **Re-certification Panel**
    - **Appeals Panel**
    - **Provisional Environmental Auditor Panel**
    - **Accreditation Maintenance Panel**
  - **SCC accredited**
  - **ISO 17024**



# **CEAA – Proposed Health and Safety Auditor Certification Program**

- **Work To-date:**
  - **Proposals on:**
    - **Applicable designations**
    - **Formal educational requirements**
    - **Work experience in Health and Safety**
    - **Minimum audit training requirements**
    - **Training in Body of Skills and Knowledge**
    - **Criteria for “Grandfathering” of H&S Auditors**
  - **Strategic Partnerships**



# **CEAA – Proposed Health and Safety Auditor Certification Program**

- **To Do:**
  - **Initiate “Grandfathering” process**
    - **Finalize and approve H&S Auditing criteria**
    - **Identify appropriate training providers in the various areas of BOSK**
    - **Develop training programs where none exist**
    - **Establish examination requirements**
    - **Start the initial certification process**
  - **Funding**



# **CEAA – Proposed Health and Safety Auditor Certification Program**

- **Proposed “Grandfather” Criteria**
  - **Have conducted a minimum of 75 days of on-site health and safety auditing over 15 audits within a period not exceeding 5 years, OR**
  - **Be a CSP/CRSP, CIH/ROH in good standing and have performed 50 days of on-site health and safety auditing over 10 audits within a period not exceeding 5 years, OR**
  - **Have had supervising responsibility for a health and safety auditing function for a period of not less than 5 years.**
  - **Be a member of CEAA in good standing.**

