

- **≻**Objectives
 - to develop a credible national certification program for environmental site assessors
 - ➤ to develop a new certification program which increase CEAA membership

- ➤ Phased approach to the CESA program
 - First phase is grandparenting of qualified CEAA members
 - Second phase is to develop a certification program including appropriate exams
 - Third phase is to open the certification program to all qualified individuals

- > Certification process has the support of the banks
 - the goal is to have a CESA as a requirement for all ESAs performed for the banks
 - ➤ CIBC and Royal Bank have been approached and support the certification program
 - will take it to the CBA to get Canada-wide acceptance

- An *adhoc* committee was struck several years ago at the board level
 - members included various consulting groups and our past president
- ➤ At last year 's strategy session it was decided to push ahead with the certification program
- ➤ Grandparenting criteria were developed and agreed upon

- ➤ Grandparenting program is being launched in November 2001
- CEAA members will receive details in the next several weeks
- ➤ Priority will be given to CEAA members
- Non-CEAA applicants will have to become CEAA members for certification to be considered

Standards / Guidance Documents

- CSA Z768-94 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
- ➤ ASTM E1527-94 Standard Practice for ESA's: Phase I ESA Process
- > A BOSK for CESA's is under development

GRANDFATHERING CRITERIA

- > 10 years or more of ESA experience
- > must conduct or manage a minimum of 20 ESAs/year
- > has conducted or managed at least 100 ESA 's
- > must have either a CET or university degree
- > consideration will be given to certification by AQVE, APEA, or AESAC but does not guarantee grandparenting
- > must be a member in good standing of CEAA
- > must have errors and omissions insurance

- ➤ Applicants for grandparenting will be required to undergo an interview
- ➤ Applicants will have to provide details of ESA experience and provide references
- > Applicants will have to provide proof of insurance
- ➤ Grandparented individuals are expected to actively participate in the development of the certification program

Environmental Site Assessor Corporate Development Fund

- > CEAA administration presently does not have the staff and financial resources to manage this program
 - > companies benefiting from the certification program should consider contributing to this fund
 - ➤ the fund will provide the financial resources necessary to administer the program
 - > contributing companies may be provided with incentives

Stakeholder Benefits

- ➤ Will result in a more credible and standardized product for the clients
- ➤ Will level the playing field between service providers

Implications for CEAA

- > will result in a greater revenue stream
- will result in a greater attendance of our technical conferences
- will result in the change of focus of our technical conference
 - > will have to include ESA issues

Thank you

Comments / Questions