

Jurisdictional Highlights Report/Rapport des événements marquants de l'administration¹

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Subject Headings/Rubriques

This report reflects Yukon OH&S activities from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

1. Legislation/Législation:

- Legislation was adopted under the Workers' Compensation Act that provides a presumption specific to Firefighting for certain specified cancers and cardiac conditions.
- A comprehensive review of both the WCB and OHS Acts was completed in 2013. A letter has been drafted recommending both Acts be opened and revised.

2. Regulations/Réglementation:

- The Model-OHS was reviewed and presented in 2013, with regulations to be developed in late 2014.

3. Program Development/Élaboration de programmes:

- Working with the Northern Safety Network Yukon (NSNY) we have developed a mine rescue course that NSNY delivers. In 2013, the Return to Work element was added to the NSNY curriculum with full implementation of an audited Return to Work element to be incorporated into the company audit cycle for their next external audits.
- In 2012 Yukon implemented interim Mine Rescue Standards and is working with the Yukon Producers Group to finalize these standards, expected to be finalized in 2014.

4. OSH Promotion/Promotion de l'SST:

- Throughout 2013 the "Point it Out" campaign was active and utilized by the public and employers encourages people to do more than observe unsafe behaviour and take action and point out what is wrong.
 - In 2013, YWCHSB in cooperation with Yukon Labour groups, the City of Whitehorse and employers started planning the permanent Workers Memorial. It will honour Yukon workers who have been killed and injured on the job, construction to commence in the spring of 2014.
 - In 2013 a new Yukon program, the Yukon Temporary Foreign Worker Program (YTFWP), was implemented to assist employers in the Oil, Gas, Mining and Mineral Exploration sector and in the Tourism and Hospitality sector fill critical seasonal or short-term temporary labour shortages. Yukon Education Board has partnered with the Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board to provide proactive monitoring of worksites where temporary foreign workers are employed, and to investigate health and safety concerns that arise.
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5. Statistics/Statistiques:

- Occupational Health and Safety Officers fined a total of 16 companies, 4 supervisors and 1 worker for infractions across the territory. Those fines totalled \$17,000, down from \$37,875 in 2012.

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Inspections	116	222	251	263
Orders Issued	555	1428	1175	1224
Administrative Penalties	50	37	40	20
Prosecutions Initiated	1	2	3	0
Convictions	1	1	2	0
Fatalities	1	4	2	3

6. Education/Éducation:

- The grade 10 safety program, "Work Shouldn't Hurt" was taught by the YWCHSB Young Worker Coordinator on 16 occasions.
- The program explains why young workers are at higher risk of injury, how to identify common workplace hazards, how to work safely with chemicals and other controlled products, and young workers' workplace responsibilities and rights. Students at École Émilie-Tremblay were taught the same program in French.
- Older students received similar training at Yukon College through a variety of programs, at the Yukon Tourism Education Council, and at the Challenge Program for workers with disabilities.
- In 2012, the Young Worker Coordinator, in cooperation with the Yukon Department of Education, developed a student activity course focused on building safer communities. This kit is designed for kindergarten to Grade 2 students and meets the requirements for the Health and Career Education curriculum for these students. Beginning in 2013, the Young Worker Coordinator began work on a new kit for Grades 3-5, again focussing on fostering safer communities and meeting curricular objectives for those grades.
- The Young Worker Coordinator participated in the PARTY (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) program on 5 (*Sept-Dec/2013*) occasions. The presentation included an overview of young worker risk factors and describes the hazard identification process, then applies hazard identification to various workplace scenarios.

7. Studies and Research/Études et recherche:

- * No new studies or research.

8. Technological Changes/Modifications technologiques

- In 2013 field testing for remote use of the OHSIS system continued, refinement will continue into 2014.
- In 2013 a document management system (OnBase) was specked out. Phase one will see the implementation of the OHS certificate processes management into OnBase mid 2014.

9. Future Initiatives/Initiatives à l'avenir:

- Enhance fire-fighter regulations to include fitness to work and medical monitoring requirements.
- YWCHSB will start construction of a building addition in 2014 (approximately 11,000 square feet)