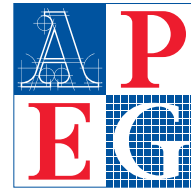


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MOU Benefits Information Exchange, Public Safety



Professional Engineers
and Geoscientists of BC

VICTORIA — A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) was signed on Monday.

The MOU establishes an understanding about the exchange of information between APEGBC and the Commission for enhancing and advancing the quality of work and protecting public safety. APEGBC may use information provided by the Commission to assist in the licensing, registration, investigation or discipline of professional engineers and geoscientists regulated by the Association. Specifically, purposes may include:

- Developing guidelines for members that will advance the quality and consistency of their work.
- Enhancing APEGBC's ability to monitor effectively members' conduct and to detect unauthorized engineering and geoscience practice.
- Upholding and protecting public safety.



BC Oil and Gas Commission Chief Engineer Ken Paulson (right) shakes hands with APEGBC president Frank Denton. (BC Oil and Gas Commission photo)

“We are moving forward as a leader in the oil and gas industry ensuring continuous improvement and engagement with a professional association whose members uphold the best interests of British Columbia,” said Ken Paulson, Chief Engineer for the Commission. “This MOU allows us to further enhance the Commission’s technical expertise within the oil and gas sector.”

Commission employees who are members of APEGBC work in areas such as regulatory affairs, project assessment, emergency response, compliance and inspections.

Frank Denton, president of APEGBC, said he was pleased with the signing of the MOU, which took place at the Commission's Victoria offices.

"The agreement is a major step forward in promoting collaboration between APEGBC and the Commission and will be of great benefit to the public interest on an ongoing basis," he said.

The MOU can be viewed [here](#).

The Commission is the independent, single-window regulator of oil and gas activities in British Columbia. It has regulatory responsibility for industry activity from the exploration and development phases, through to facilities operation and decommissioning. Among its more specific objectives are public safety, conservation of petroleum resources, fostering a healthy environment and equitable participation in production.

Founded in 1920, APEGBC is the regulatory and licensing body for the professions of engineering and geoscience and is charged with protecting the public interest. With over 26,000 members, APEGBC is one of the largest professional associations in British Columbia and maintains high academic, experience and professional practice standards. APEGBC members deliver real world solutions to meet the technological and social challenges of the twenty-first century.

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