



# Issue Update

## Deregulation Third Quarterly Report Issued

The Minister of State for Deregulation, Kevin Falcon, has presented the third quarterly report on the progress of government's deregulation initiative.

To date 23,528 regulatory requirements in British Columbia have been eliminated, and 6,900 have been created, resulting in a net reduction of 16,628 regulations.

There are several regulation reductions underway of interest to the construction industry.

The Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection is reviewing the Waste Management Act, looking for new ways to manage waste safely, prevent pollution, improve accountability and cut red tape at the same time. The result should be a results and performance based regime.

The Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services is still working on the proposed Safety Standards Act, which will amalgamate the Electrical Safety Act, Gas Safety Act, Elevating Devices Safety Act, Power Engineers and Boiler and Pressure Vessel Safety Act, and portions of the Railway Safety Act. The stated goals of this consolidation are to modernize the safety system within BC, reduce and streamline regulation, and create a flexible, objective based regime.

The Ministry of Competition, Science and Enterprise continues to work on reviewing fees and licenses across government. To date 381 of the 2850 fees and licenses already reviewed have been eliminated with 574 on the books to go as soon as new delivery models are set up. There are 964 further fees and licenses still to be reviewed. The Ministry is forecasting a cost saving of approximately \$18 million annually as a result of this review.

Down the road the Deregulation Initiative is expected to make significant strides towards improving the regulatory environment in such areas as Workers Compensation and Employment Standards.

The full report can be read on-line at: [www.gov.bc.ca/deregulation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/deregulation)

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