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The Society of Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals (CSAP Society) is an independent organization that credentials professionals, called Approved Professionals (APs), to review environmental certification applications (referred to as submissions) made under the *BC Environmental Management Act* Contaminated Sites Regulation and, more specifically, Protocol 6. The purpose of CSAP Society, beyond the review of submissions, includes cooperating and consulting with other professional and scientific bodies, stakeholders, and local and provincial governments. CSAP Society endeavours to uphold and protect the public's interest by ensuring the integrity, objectivity, and expertise of its member APs.

CSAP MEMBERSHIP

By Specialty

- Numerical Standards Specialists: 79
- Risk-based Standards Specialists: 18
- Numerical / Risk-based Standards Specialists: 5

Total Members: 102

Regulatory Organization Affiliation

- Engineers and Geoscientists of BC: 65
- BC Institute of Agrolologists: 14
- College of Applied Biologists: 21
- Association of the Chemical Profession of BC: 6

Note: Several members are part of two or more professional

SUBMISSIONS PROCESSED UNDER PROTOCOL 6

[Protocol 6: Applications with Approved Professional Recommendations and Preapprovals](#) sets out the activities and recommendations that are required when making a submission on a non-high-risk site. The site risk classification is determined by completing a Site Risk Classification form.

Starting July 1, 2008, CSAP Society began processing submissions under the Ministry of Environment and Parks' (ENV) Protocol 6.

SUBMISSIONS PROCESSED ANNUALLY

Fiscal Year	Number of submissions	Fiscal Year	Number of submission
2008-2009	85	2017-2018	188
2009-2010	119	2018-2019	70
2010-2011	143	2019-2020	105
2011-2012	58	2020-2021	77
2012-2013	88	2021-2022	99
2013-2014	126	2022-2023	155
2014-2015	120	2023-2024	150
2015-2016	104	2024-2025	130
2016-2017	123	2025-2026	106
Total		2046	

SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED BY SECTOR

Sector	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023
Commercial	92	113	135	134
Municipality	6	6	5	7
Oil & Gas	3	5	7	7
BC & Crown Corporations	5	6	1	7

BETTERING THE INDUSTRY

As part of CSAP Society's commitment to bettering the industry, reviews of technical documents are undertaken at the request of ENV and stakeholders as well as internally generated. White papers and other projects designed to enhance CSAP members' knowledge are conducted annually and posted on CSAP Society's website.

Technical reviews completed	83
Special projects completed	50

Since CSAP Society's inception in 2008

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

Several meetings are organized to facilitate a better understanding of stakeholders' concerns, attended by ENV. Stakeholder groups are organized to provide industry input on appropriate technical reviews and white papers.

Major Stakeholders:

- BC Business Council
- Urban Development Institute

- Union of BC Municipalities
- Canadian Fuel Association

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

- In 2026, The 300th Performance Assessment was conducted.
- In 2025, the 2000th Protocol 6 Submission was processed by CSAP Society and Tara Siemens Kennedy becomes CSAP Society's second female Board of Director's President, since its founding in 2008, following Cindy Ott.
- In 2024, a new CSAP website and Members' Portal were launched.
- In 2022, at ENV's request, Review Services were added.
- In 2019, the updated WebMap was launched.

FUTURE ENDEAVOURS

During 2026, the CSAP Society continued to implement the initiatives outlined in the 2025–2027 Strategic Plan. To date, several key objectives have been achieved, including reviewing and updating the CSAP submission fee schedule, assessing the representation and structure of parent organizations on the Board, increasing the number of Risk Approved Professionals, and enhancing member participation in committees.

Progress also continues in strengthening awareness and trust between Statutory Decision Makers (SDMs) and members and collaborating with ENV to improve alignment. There have been ongoing discussions with the Ministry regarding opportunities to expand the Society's scope beyond contaminated sites to include additional ministries and sectors.

GOVERNANCE

CSAP Society is governed by 12 directors representing industry, the environment, and local government. The Board of Directors (Board) consists of the following:

- one director who is both a member of CSAP Society and Engineers and Geoscientists of BC;
- one director who is both a member of CSAP Society and the College of Applied Biologists;
- one director who is both a member of CSAP Society and the BC Institute of Agrologists;
- five directors at large who are members of CSAP Society;
- four directors, appointed by the Ministry Director, consisting of one from each of the following industry groups:
 - local government;
 - lay representatives;
 - industry groups;
 - and an employee of ENV, appointed by the Ministry Director.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CSAP Society provides ongoing professional development (PD) opportunities including an annual Fall PD Workshop, a members-only PD workshop in conjunction with CSAP Society's

Annual General Meeting, and webinars focusing on relevant issues. The Members' Update, CSAP Society's quarterly newsletter, communicates news, events, and updates from CSAP Society and ENV.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

To achieve consistently high standards among APs, each submission receives a detailed peer administrative screening. Random audits are conducted on one in eight submissions. These audits, or Performance Assessments, provide valuable feedback to the AP, serve as a check on the submissions process, and form the basis for continuous improvement.

COMPLAINT PROCESS

CSAP Society maintains a complaint process through which the public can submit a complaint to the Board. To date, one complaint has been received.

RECOGNITION

In 2017, CSAP Society received a Brownie Award in the REPROGRAM-Legislation, Policy and Program Initiatives category. The Brownie Awards recognize excellence in the remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites across Canada.

In 2015, CSAP Society received a positive review by the University of Victoria Environmental Law Centre in their study *Professional Reliance and Environmental Regulation in British Columbia*.

