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# Environmental Issues & Claims

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# Agenda

- 1) Environmental Issues & Risk
- 2) Legislation & Parties
- 3) Potential Exposure
- 4) Triggering Events
- 5) Incident Management
- 6) Topics & Issues





## Environmental Issues & Risks

- Spills
- Fire
- Regulatory Orders
- Discovery of Issues

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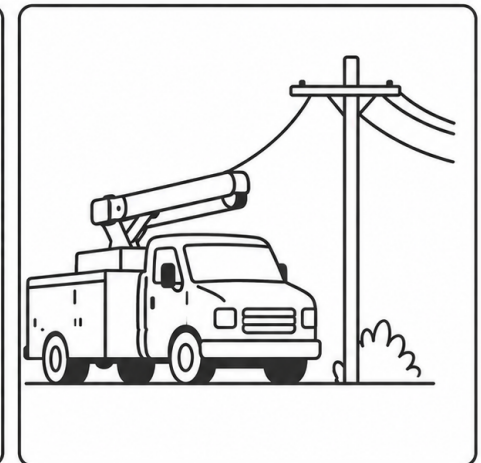
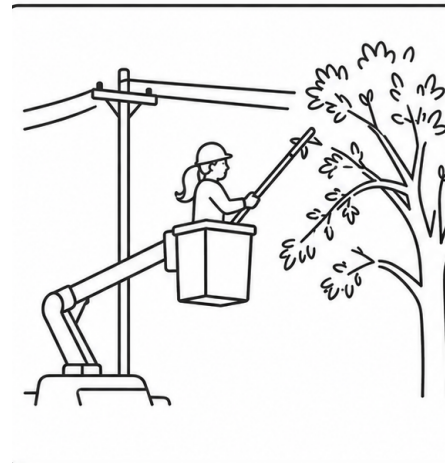
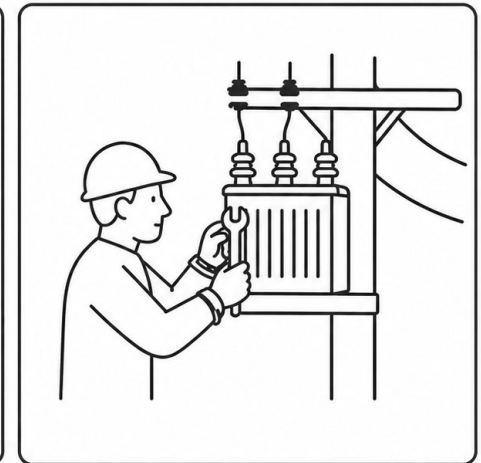
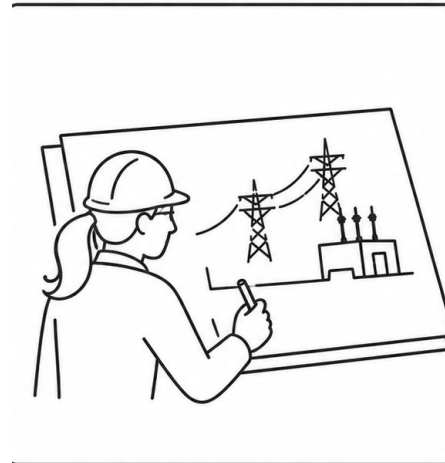
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# Nature of Operations and Activities

- Design and Installation of Infrastructure
- Repair
- Inspection
- Maintenance
- Emergency Management
- Subcontractor Work
- Temporary Works
- Vehicles & Equipment
- Vegetation Management



## Relevant Legislation & Parties

- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks ("MECP")
- Environmental Protection Act ("EPA")
- Ontario Water Resources Act
- Federal and Provincial Assessment Acts
- Regulations



# Potential Exposure Sources & Issues

MECP Investigations &  
Orders

Land Owners

Neighboring/Downstream  
Land Owners

EPA s.99 - Strict Liability

Corporate Officer and  
Director Personal Exposure



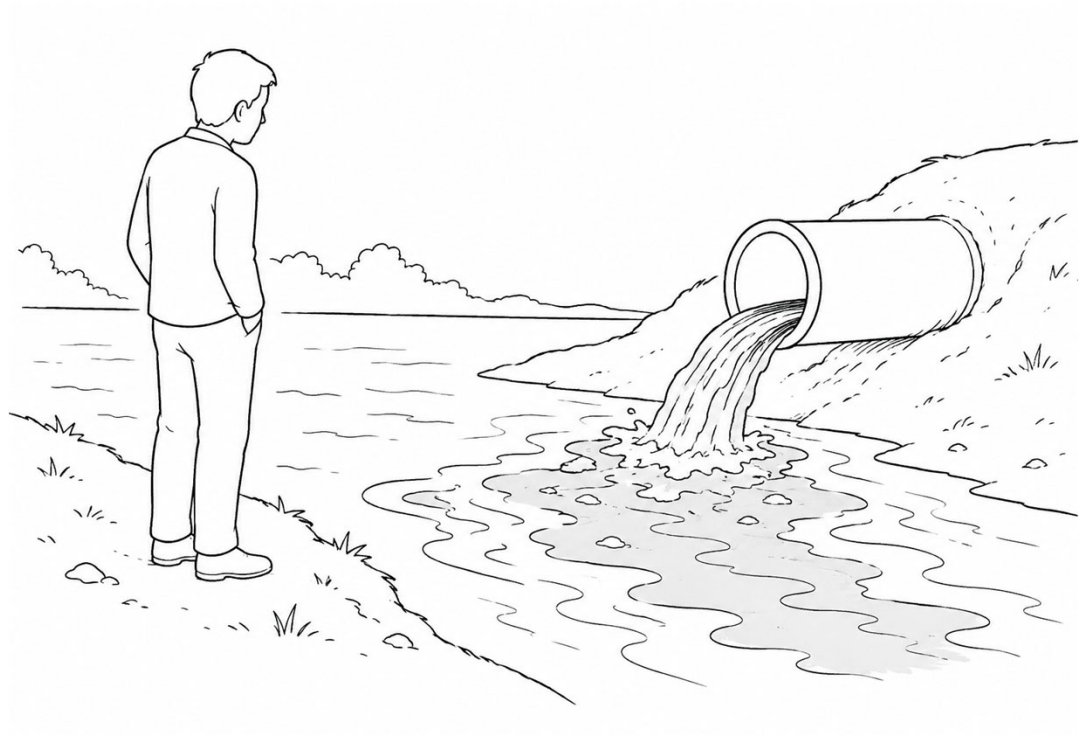
# Triggering Events

- Significant Projects
- Spills
- Investigation Following Damage or Vandalism
- Notice by Others
- Discovery of Contamination
- Acquisition of Other Companies
- Subcontractor Work



# Incident Management

- Legal Advice
- Mitigation and Management / Containment
- Reporting Obligations
- Secure Records and Information
- Insurance



## Topics & Issues

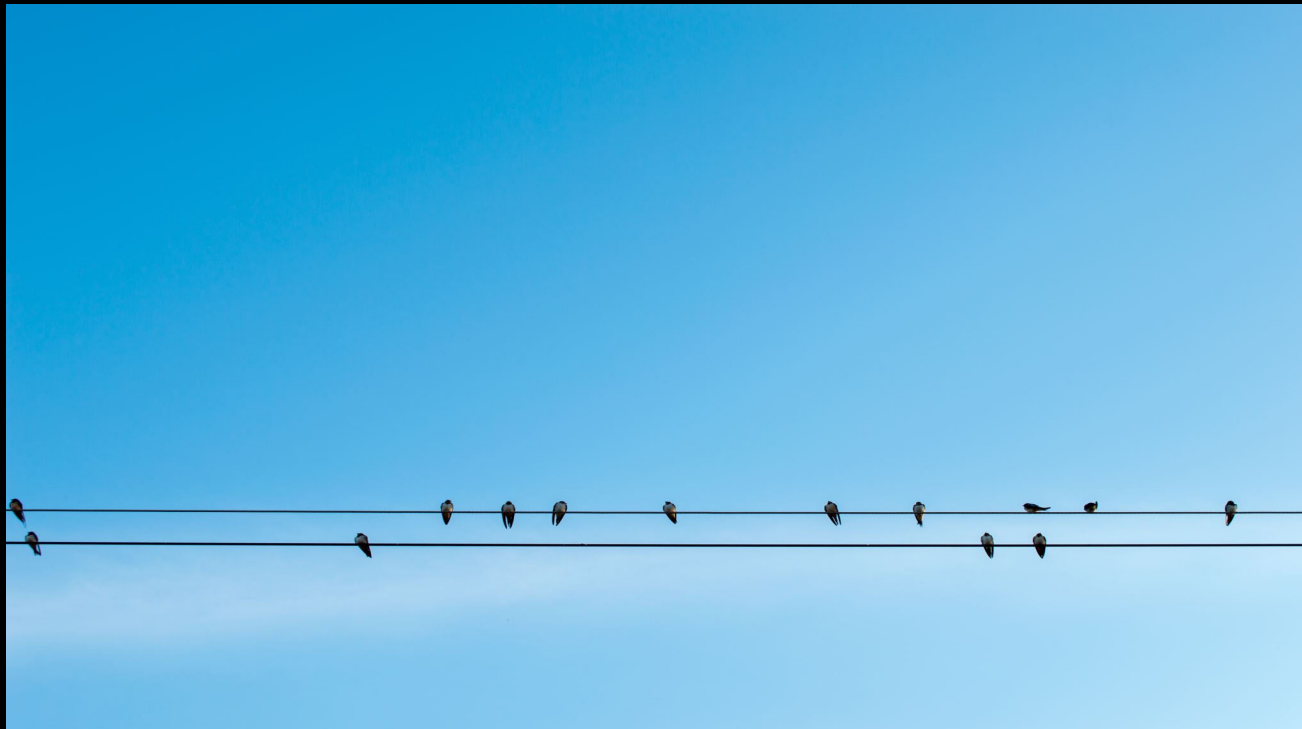
- Risk Management Plan, Policies and Procedures
- Contaminant Migration
- Causation
- Limitation Issues
- Subcontractor Insurance Requirements and Exclusions





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