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**Abstract: *Complaint Procedures Regarding Contaminated Site Professionals -
Review and Recommendations***

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Since 1996, the role of the “Site Professional” has been included in new contaminated site guidelines in Atlantic Canada. For many people, by many measures, the application of these guidelines and the commonly applied Atlantic RBCA technical tools have been successful. With experience, these documents have evolved and are changing. There has been minimal application of formal complaint or disciplinary procedures regarding Site Professionals. This is not necessarily an indication that all is fine. Regulators have received homeowner based, Site Professional complaints. How well are these complaint processes working? Are there practical improvements that might be done?

This presentation provides:

- a hypothetical case study of a contaminated site history.
 - a review of how the applicable complaint and disciplinary procedures regarding Site Professionals has been working in NS, and then in other Atlantic provinces
 - a discussion of what appears to work well, and not so well
 - consideration of what happens in some non-Atlantic Canadian jurisdictions, and
 - provides some recommendations to regulators in their future policy development.
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Profile / Bio:

Cameron Ells is a Halifax based civil engineer, environmental consultant and entrepreneur. His twenty year career started in structural design, materials science, construction, and municipal infrastructure. He applied his background to environmental site assessment and remediation projects across Canada and in the United States. In 1991 he designed and directed the construction of his first above ground bioremediation cell for petroleum impacted soils at a commercial oil distribution facility. As a private sector member of the Nova Scotia Department of Environment Implementation Committee for the March 1996 Guidelines for the Management of Contaminated Sites, he was a founding member of the Atlantic PIRI Committee. In 1996, his early application of Tier II decision making was used in the property sale and commercial redevelopment of former railway land in downtown Halifax. In 2000, he founded Cameron Consulting Incorporated which has provided technical and policy support for over 25 engineering and environmental consultants across Canada and in the US, as well as to legal and financial institutions, industry, property owners, Environment Canada, Health Canada, and the Province of Nova Scotia. In the area of Climate Change adaptation, he was a founding member of the public - private sector ClimAdapt network and Climate Canada Atlantic. He wrote "*A Practitioner's Guide to Incorporating Climate Change Adaptation into Design, Development and Management Decision Making.*" In 2007 he managed the Phase I portion of the federal government funded Public Infrastructure Engineering Vulnerability Committee (PIEVC) project. He has presented at significant international technical conferences in Canada, the US and Europe, lectured to university students, and given short courses on human health risk assessment decision making through Dalhousie University Continuing Education.