

**CANADA-WIDE STANDARDS FOR PETROLEUM
HYDROCARBONS IN SOIL**

2023 PROGRESS REPORT

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IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

Canada-wide Standards for Petroleum Hydrocarbons in Soil (PHC CWS), published in 2001, were established pursuant to the 1998 Canada-wide Accord on Environmental Harmonization (the Accord) and its Canada-wide Environmental Standards Sub-Agreement. They are remedial standards for contaminated soil and subsoil, grounded in the science of risk assessment. They allow for a more consistent approach to PHC site assessment and management across Canada.

Under the PHC CWS, participating jurisdictions committed to providing progress reports on the implementation of the standards at five-year intervals beginning in 2003. Progress reports were developed in 2008, 2013 and 2018.

Since implementation of the PHC CWS remains unchanged since the 2018 progress report, the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) will discontinue the development of regular, five-year progress reports. However, CCME will develop and publish additional progress reports whenever jurisdictions have made changes in implementation.