

# SAFE Companies UPDATE



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## ANOTHER 15 COMPANIES ADD TO SAFETY IN THE INDUSTRY

**Between Oct. 10 – 23, 15 more companies were SAFE certified. Congratulations to the following companies for adding to safety throughout BC's forest industry:**

Aat'uun Forestry Limited Partnership, Campbell River • Cougar Inlet Logging Ltd., Campbell River • Bill Galloway Trucking, Grand Forks • Hodgkinson & Associates Resource Management dba H & A Resource Management, Grand Forks • Honourable Environmental Excavating Ltd., Campbell River • L & B Log Scaling Ltd., Fort St. John • Nanaimo Lakes Logging Ltd., Campbell River • David Oxley Contracting, Victoria • Peace Area Forestry Ltd., Dawson Creek • Quietwood Logging Ltd., Prince George • J. S. Sandford & Associates Ltd., Nanaimo • Secooksin Enterprises Ltd., 100 Mile House • Storm Force Industries Ltd., Lac La Hache • TJ Consulting, 150 Mile House • Viking Forest Services Ltd., Comox

## TAKING THE MESSAGE HOME: ISLAND CONFERENCE A "REALITY" SUCCESS

Have you ever been to one of those conferences where a bunch of talking heads deliver messages while you and everyone else in the audience seem to nod off? Well, the exact **opposite** happened at the Oct. 3 Vancouver Island Safety Conference — the fourth held since 2004, the inception of the forest safety council, and the start of massive changes in the forest industry.

First, the overflow turnout of about 250 people both surprised and delighted the multi-stakeholder conference organizers, who initially wondered if people would even bother to come out during this, one of the worst economic times in BC's forest industry. Then, the participation was real — and outstanding.

"It was different from most normal conferences. The involvement of the panel discussion at the beginning

laid the groundwork for the workshops. As I went around the three classrooms, I found there was a great deal of involvement from people on the floor level about where we have come from with safety, where we are going, and what we need to do in terms of best



## ROUNDING UP GOOD IDEAS: Outstanding participation in Oct. 3 safety conference.

practices," says Rick Whiteford, business agent/safety officer for Local 1-1937 of the Steelworkers union and one of the conference organizers.

The new format saw the participants engaged in about 30 roundtable discussions focussed on what's actually worked for people over the past few years in terms of keeping safety a top priority during such challenging times, and what do they see working in the future.

"I was kind of leery of it [the new format] at first... But it was great to have Reynold [Hert] there from the highest level of the council, the managers of operations and the CEOs there — and they all stayed. That made it a real success from my perspective." Rick adds. As inspiring and productive as the conference was, the success can't — and won't — stop there. Organizers are doing a post-mortem Nov. 3. A final report will be produced by the council in November. **(Stay tuned to *Update* for more details.)**

"I'm really glad the forest safety council will take the lead on getting the information out there," says Terry Baker, safety advisor at Western Forest Products, who

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also helped organize the conference and facilitated a workshop. "Everybody has told us some really good stuff here, some things that really work and some challenges out there. Now we need to listen to what they're saying and do something with it."



## SAFETY ALERT



### DANGER TREES: ASSESS, DOCUMENT & COMMUNICATE

Being part of a SAFE Company, you know the value and importance of documentation. As part of meeting the requirements of OHS Regulation 26.2 (Planning and Conducting), a dangerous tree assessment must be completed by a Wildlife/Danger Tree (WDT) Assessor or Qualified Person (QP) before workers begin activities at a site.

To help companies meet the requirements of regulation 26.2, the Wildlife Tree Committee of BC has released an advisory to WDT Assessors. This is a 4-step process that includes:

1. **Determine the level of ground disturbance/worker exposure and conduct a site assessment overview.**
2. **Conduct tree assessments.**
3. **Make the appropriate safety decision (safe or dangerous).**
4. **Provide documentation and communicate safety procedures.**

The fourth step, documentation and communication, is key to meeting the requirements of OHS Regulation 26.5 regarding initial safety meetings.

The Wildlife Tree Committee is a multi-agency committee formed to help conserve wildlife trees and associated biodiversity in a safe and operationally efficient way. You can find the full text of the advisory from the committee by [clicking here](#) at the BC Forest Safety Council Web site. For more information about the WDT course handbook and QP course materials, visit the Wildlife Tree Committee Web site [here](#).

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS x 2...

Check your address book. Our Nanaimo office has moved. The new address is **420 Albert Street, Nanaimo, BC, V9R 2V7**.

Also, just a friendly reminder that it's maintenance audit season for all companies certified in 2007 and '08. The preferred date for you to submit your maintenance audit is the anniversary of your certification. This allows you to keep in time with the 3-year recertification audit, which **must** be submitted by the exact 3-year anniversary date.

The absolute latest date is the end of the year in order to maintain SAFE certification and COR rebate eligibility. **For answers to questions you might have regarding your maintenance audit, [click here](#).**



## IN TRAINING

**The following courses still have spaces available, so send in your applications ASAP for your preferred location. If you leave it until the last minute, it may be too late. For more details, [click here](#).**

**100 courses:** Oct. 31, Kelowna • Nov. 7, Cranbrook • Nov. 21, Campbell River • Nov. 21, Kamloops • Nov. 21, Fort St. John • Nov. 28, Prince George • Dec. 5, 100 Mile House • Dec. 19, Vernon

**Small Employer OHS courses:** Oct. 29, Kelowna • Nov. 5, Cranbrook • Nov. 19, Campbell River • Nov. 19, Kamloops • Nov. 19, Fort St. John • Nov. 26, Prince George • Dec. 3, 100 Mile House



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