



Protecting You and Your Company from the Impacts of Environmental, Health & Safety Incidents

In light of the recent events affecting the Gulf of Mexico, many companies have had a timely reminder that environmental, health & safety risks must be properly managed. Not only can these risks, if poorly managed, result in substantial financial losses, but there is often an even greater reputational impact for the company and adverse employment consequences for the individuals concerned.

Directors may have to take responsibility for the actions of those in day-to-day operational control of facilities. Directors may also be personally liable for environmental, health & safety penalties. Given this, it is critical for directors to understand both the risks they are facing and to ensure that they have sufficient, up to date risk management procedures in place.

Budget cuts can often result in environmental, health & safety risk management falling down the corporate agenda. However, this is one area of spending which should only be reduced following a thorough assessment of risk, so that remaining expenditure is targeted in the most cost-effective way.

Dundas & Wilson's specialist lawyers offer all our clients a unique and cost-effective environmental, health & safety risk auditing and management service. It is essential that risk auditing and management is carried out by lawyers, as it is the law that will impose substantial financial penalties. Our service stands out above any provided by environmental consultants, as each risk is identified and analysed by specialist lawyers, leading to a top quality result.

Our risk report will:

- List each area of environmental, health & safety risk and assess its likely magnitude and probability of occurring
- Identify cost-effective measures to mitigate that risk
- Provide a structured tool to enable effective on-going management of legal risks
- Following completion of the identified mitigation measures, provide certification from an independent and highly-respected firm of lawyers that environmental, health & safety risks are being appropriately managed.

If an environmental or health & safety incident occurs subsequently, exposing the company to potential financial and reputation damage, this report will be an invaluable tool for demonstrating to shareholders and the board that the environmental, health & safety risks at the company have been properly managed, as confirmed by independent, specialist lawyers.

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