

Information

Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office

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The Construction Monitoring Program

What is the Construction Monitoring Program?

The Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Office (LLRWMO) offers the Construction Monitoring Program (CMP) in Ward 1 Port Hope. The CMP provides identification and storage of soil contaminated with historic low-level radioactive waste that may be encountered during routine construction activities.



Who uses the CMP?

All Ward 1 Port Hope construction projects, large or small, public or private, benefit from the CMP. Private individuals, builders, developers, utilities and the municipality use the CMP's services. Projects requiring a building permit are automatically referred to the CMP. These include building a garage, home addition or installing a swimming pool. Smaller renovation projects such as driveways and major landscaping should also be reviewed under the CMP. Simply notify the LLRWMO of your plans. The office will review the property file and advise you as to whether or not a radiological survey of the work site is needed.

The LLRWMO provides this advice quickly at no charge.

What happens if contaminated soil is found?

Since its start in the late 1980s, the CMP has given Ward 1 property owners a sense of security that if contaminated soil is detected, it will be dealt with quickly and safely. Working jointly with the Municipality of Port Hope, the LLRWMO oversees the soil's removal and storage at its Temporary Storage Site (TSS), located west of Cavan Street. The TSS is operated by the LLRWMO under a licence from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

How do I apply to the CMP?

When you apply for a municipal building permit, you will be directed to the Port Hope Area Initiative office at 5 Mill Street South. There you will fill out a form that permits LLRWMO staff to take radiation readings on your property. The process, from application to finding out if soil removal is recommended, routinely takes about three days. If your project doesn't require a building permit, but you would like your soil checked, just phone 905-885-9488 or drop in to the Initiative office. For most small residential and commercial projects, the LLRWMO provides CMP services at no charge.

Who benefits from the CMP?

Everyone -- residents and the environment alike. By notifying the LLRWMO of an excavation project, you will help prevent the spread of contaminated soil if it is present. You will be doing your part to make sure that once the Port Hope Area Initiative cleanup begins, nothing is missed.

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