

## **New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government Implementation Plan for Atlantic RBCA revised User Guidance (Version 4.0) and Environmental Quality Standards (EQS) and Pathway Specific Standards (PSS)**

Effective August 30, 2021, Atlantic PIRI adopted the revised *Atlantic RBCA (Risk-Based Corrective Action) for Impacted Sites in Atlantic Canada Version 4.0, User Guidance (July 2021)*, the *Atlantic RBCA Toolkit for Atlantic Canada Version 4.0*, and the Atlantic RBCA EQS/PSS (with associated rationale documentation).

As part of the update, the four Atlantic Provinces may independently determine how and when to apply and implement the 2021 Atlantic RBCA updates within their individual Provincial contaminated sites management processes, programs, and policy frameworks. The following is New Brunswick's specific Implementation Plan for the updates.

### **New Brunswick Implementation Plan**

1. Any remediation file initiated on or after September 1, 2021 will be required to conduct the site assessment, remediation, and closure under Version 4.0 of the *Atlantic RBCA for Impacted Sites in Atlantic Canada, User Guidance* and/or the 2021 Atlantic RBCA EQS/PSS.
2. For existing open remediation files predating September 1, 2021, the Responsible Party and Site Professional can continue to evaluate and remediate the site using Atlantic RBCA Version 3 and/or other regulatory guidelines/standards that predate the release of Atlantic RBCA Version 4.0 and 2021 Atlantic RBCA EQS/PSS. However, site closure documentation must be submitted by July 31, 2022. If the site closure documentation is not received prior to this deadline, the Regulator will require a re-evaluation using Atlantic RBCA Version 4.0 and/or 2021 Atlantic RBCA EQS/PSS.

Note that for any open remediation file the Responsible Party and Site Professional can choose to conduct the site assessment, remediation, and closure under Version 4.0 of the *Atlantic RBCA for Impacted Sites in Atlantic Canada, User Guidance* and/or the 2021 Atlantic RBCA EQS/PSS prior to the July 31, 2022 deadline.

3. For contaminated sites that have been "closed" (i.e. site remediation completed and acknowledged by the Regulator) but require a site re-assessment due to various reasons (e.g. land transaction, change in land use, potential alteration of site closure conditions, etc.), the re-assessment must be completed using the Atlantic RBCA Version 4.0 and/or 2021 Atlantic RBCA EQS/PSS.

Any questions on the NB Implementation Plan can be directed by e-mail to [remediation@gnb.ca](mailto:remediation@gnb.ca).