



March 30, 2020.

Dear Certified Compost Facility Operator,

**Re: Alberta Environment and Parks COVID-19 Exemptions for Certified Compost Facility Operators**

Thank you for being part of Alberta's Landfill and Compost Facility Operator Certification program. We are closely following the steady stream of updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact the pandemic is having on compost facilities and other waste management facilities. We wish you, your co-workers, and your family health and safety in this uncertain time. Our thoughts are with all individuals impacted, and the medical professionals dedicated to their care.

In response to the overwhelming need to prevent the spread of COVID-19, spring conferences, workshops, and seminars organized by many organizations have been canceled or deferred to a later date. Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) is here to help certified compost facility operators navigate this difficult period while they continue to provide the same level of compost facility operation and meet Alberta's regulatory requirements.

In the light of the COVID-19 pandemic, AEP is granting certified compost facility operators the following exemptions:

- A 6-month certificate renewal extension to all compost facility operators whose certificates are set to expire on June 30, 2020.
- Allowing certified operators who are currently self-isolating or under quarantine due to COVID-19 to provide distance supervision as per [Section 3.6 of the Landfill and Compost Facility Operator Guideline](#) to meet Alberta's regulatory requirements.

Certified compost facility operators will still receive a letter about their certificate renewal from the Compost Council of Canada (CCC), and they are welcome to renew their certificate anytime until December 31, 2020. Under the above certificate renewal extension, your current certificate will remain active until December 31, 2020. Note that you will not receive a renewal sticker - AEP will consider any certificate with an expiry date of June 30, 2020 to be active until December 31, 2020.

**Compost Council of Canada (CCC):**

- Currently, their 30<sup>th</sup> annual national conference continues to be scheduled for September 30 – October 1, 2020, in Moncton, NB;
- Is implementing a weekly one-hour webinar series (0.1 CEU/webinar), free to CCC members and open to all (\$50/session); with sessions held from April to May 2020 on Wednesdays at 11am Mountain Standard Time; ongoing webinars information can be found at [www.compost.org](http://www.compost.org);

- Additional online and webinar-based training sessions will be developed as time unfolds. Please continue to check CCC's website: [www.compost.org](http://www.compost.org) or call CCC at 1-877-571-GROW(4769); and
- Many other education providers are doing the same. For a list of approved Continuing Education Unit (CEU) courses, please check out AEP's [Continuing Education Policy document](#).

For more information about the Alberta Landfill and Compost Facility Operator Certification program, please see <https://www.alberta.ca/landfill-and-composting-facility-operator-certification.aspx>

Please contact Danielle Buklis with CCC via her cell at (416) 803 0421 or email at [info@compost.org](mailto:info@compost.org) for all certificate renewal and CEU related questions. As a back-up, Susan Antler, Executive Director, can be reached on her cell at (416) 670 0510.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the COVID-19 distant supervision exemption and other certification program-related matters.

Sincerely,



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