



BC Forest Safety
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RE: Alternative Maintenance Option for Large (BASE) SAFE Certified Companies

Dear David:

In 2012, the BC Forest Safety Council introduced an alternative maintenance option for large companies. Approval for the two-year pilot project that ended in 2013 was granted by WorkSafeBC and approved for the Certificate of Recognition (COR) program. The alternative maintenance option provided large companies that had completed a full audit cycle to use an Alternative Maintenance Action Plan (AMAP) in place of conducting a large company maintenance audit. One of the main benefits of the option was that it provided eligible employers with additional value to their companies by focusing their resources on the action plan items from their last audit or working on company health and safety projects.

While the results of the pilot project were positive, WorkSafeBC has not approved the use of this option beyond the pilot period until their review of the COR program is concluded. The Council has formally requested that this option be available as part of the COR program and has recently met with senior staff at WorkSafeBC advocating changes to the COR program including the use of this option.

A number of TLA members have recently expressed interest in being able to use AMAP for BASE (large employer) SAFE Companies Certification. We have reviewed this request and are pleased to offer this as an alternative maintenance option. **It is important to note that companies applying to use this option need to consider the financial impact as they will not be eligible to receive a COR incentive payment.**

We encourage companies that are interested in participating to please let us know by emailing: audit@bcforestsafety.org or by contacting us at 1-877-741-1060.

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